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IT'S TIME FOR ACTION VOTE!

For what seems like an eternity, the 2012 campaign rolls on. Much has been said and written. In the end, there is only one thing that counts. **VOTES!**

You can be sure that liberal Democrats will be out in force and they will be driving and dragging their people to the polls. It's the hope of President Obama and the liberals that their opponents will be lazy. They are counting on the fact that you and your family will be too busy or disgusted to vote. They are counting on the fact that you will be too lazy to call your friends and relatives and remind them to get out and vote. They are hoping that in 2012, as in 2008, you will lethargically sit on your couch watching Fox News announce that the liberal Democrats have taken over this country, state and city.

It's up to you to prevent that from happening. You **MUST** get out and vote on Election Day. You **MUST** insure that your entire

family gets out to vote. You **SHOULD** call your friends and other relatives and make sure they vote. You **COULD** go further and volunteer for the party and help our efforts to get out the Republican vote (see accompanying article).

If we don't work hard to help get out our vote, and liberals take over, we will have no one to blame but ourselves.

We urge you to vote, get others to vote and help the party get even more to vote. If we go to the polls in large numbers, victory will be ours. It's as simple as that.

And remember to vote for the full Republican Team. Of course, at the top of the ticket is our **Presidential Candidate Mitt Romney and Vice- Presidential Candidate Paul Ryan.**

We have a fine woman running for U.S. Senate, **Wendy Long**, whose Democratic opponent has been classified as the most liberal member of the Senate.

Congressman Michael Grimm, brutalized by an unscrupulous liberal attack, is a man with an exemplary military career and outstanding record in Congress. He deserves your vote.

State Senator Andrew Lanza's re-election is essential if Republicans are to maintain their slim majority in the State Senate.

Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis, who has waged a relentless war against the Port Authority and the liberal machine, must be given a mandate to continue her fine work.

Meanwhile our new candidates have all done a magnificent job at great personal sacrifice to advance Republican principles. At the very least we owe them our gratitude and our vote.

Lisa Grey, a former prosecutor, battling in a district with a lopsided Democratic registration advantage, has worked very hard while carrying herself in a dignified, intelligent, and compassionate way.

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Sam Pirozzolo, taking on a well-connected (to Shelly Silver) and well-financed incumbent, has run a strong and relentless campaign and is in a real tight race.

Joe Borelli, a young 30 year old, bright, hardworking young man, has comported himself admirably and is part of a new wave of Republican leaders poised to make Republicanism relevant in New York again.

Paul Saryian, who has carried the party banner well in the heavily Democratic North Shore, has helped the party make inroads in communities that, in the past, have shut us out.

In a couple of weeks, victory will be in your hands. Please don't let it slip between your fingers. Vote!

ELECTION DAY LOOMS

PARTY TO RECEIVE RETURNS AT HILTON

GET OUT THE VOTE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Tuesday, November 6th, Election Day, is fast approaching. That evening, the Party will gather at the Hilton Garden Inn's main ballroom to receive the election returns for the presidential, state and local races. All are invited and we urge your attendance. Feel free to bring friends and relatives. It is suggested that attendees arrive at 9:00 PM. Returns will start coming in shortly thereafter.

Come and share the excitement with hundreds of other like-minded Republicans. A cash bar will be available. All candidates will be in attendance.

We also need volunteers for our Get Out the Vote operation. This involves giving the Party some time during the 72 hour period ending on Election Day evening.

Fundamentally, we will be doing a "*lit drop*" to remind our committed Republican voters to get out and vote. Also needed are folks to work the phones and call our voters reminding them to get to the polls. We could also use some drivers to assist some elderly folks to get to the polls. If you can help, please call party headquarters (718-667-

7467) or e-mail the Chairman at Rscamardella@sigop.com. A Party rep will contact you to arrange your assistance. We'll take whatever time you can give us.

If you've never volunteered for the Party before, do it now. The importance of this election cannot be overstated and by giving your Party a few hours' time, you will be helping the cause greatly and meeting some fine like-minded folks in the process. It can be fun, interesting and dynamic. Go for it. Call or send in your e-mail.

ISLANDERS SWARM REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

Calling it "*one of the more dynamic experiences of my life*," Party Chairman Robert Scamardella led a large contingent of Island Republicans to the Party's National Convention in Tampa in late August.

Scamardella attended as a full-fledged delegate replacing former Congressman Guy Molinari who, due to health reasons, could not attend. Also attending, as alternate delegates were Party Vice-Chair Frank Aversa and District Leader and Senatorial Candidate Lisa Grey. Also part of the group were Party Vice-Chair Lisa Giovinazzo, Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis, District Leader John Antonello, former Party Chair Mary Reilly and County Committee person Jeanette Milione.

Arriving on Sunday, August 26th, the Island contingent "**suffered**" through a one-day delay due to a hurricane. As it turned out, the storm bypassed Tampa and the Islanders spent Monday relaxing and ultimately went to see the movie "*2016*."

Tuesday saw a full day of work at the Convention with Wednesday and Thursday nights packing the real political punch. Frank Aversa noted, "*When Romney came out, the place was electric. Think 9th inning of the 7th game of the World Series.*" Lisa Giovinazzo added, "*Interacting with folks from around the country and being a part of history is indeed a memorable experience.*"

Lisa Grey, who bleeds Republican red said, "*The whole thing was too short for me. Being with 20,000 people who share your views*

is exhilarating.” Assemblywoman Malliotakis stated that, *“Quite simply attending the Convention makes one proud to be a Republican.”*

THE BELL TOWLES!

Since the end of Petition gathering in Mid-July, the focus of the Party’s leadership turned to volunteer recruitment. County Committee member Jennifer Towles was named Party Volunteer coordinator by Chairman Scamardella.

Said the Chairman, *“We reached out to the community in a variety of ways and Jennifer agreed to put in many hours at Headquarters interviewing and motivating volunteers.”*

As of this writing, the Party has recruited over 50 new volunteers. Some are retired and have agreed to work almost full time for the Party. Others range in commitment from a few days a week to a couple of hours a week. The process will continue right through the campaign. Said Ms. Towles, *“Every Tuesday and Thursday from 6-8 PM and every Saturday from 10-2 PM, I will be at headquarters signing up volunteers. Any County Committee person or other person you may know who wants to volunteer should come to HQ at those times and ask for me.”*

The Volunteers have been assigned to the various candidate’s campaigns and the Get Out The Vote operation. Some volunteers specifically requested a campaign and their preferences were, of course, honored. Other volunteers were assigned to the various campaigns on an as-needed basis by the Chairman.

Scamardella added, *“I’m ecstatic with the results as we continue to build an even bigger Republican volunteer army. Jennifer has done a magnificent job putting in the time while screening and motivating our volunteers.”*

Ms. Towles recently moved to Staten Island from Texas where she was very active in Republican politics. She has not skipped a beat and has become one of the local party’s dynamic workers and leaders.

MAYORAL RACE ON HORIZON ARE REPUBLICANS IRRELEVANT IN NYC?

Speak to virtually any political consultant and he or she will tell you that the next New York City Mayor, to be elected in 2013, will be a liberal Democrat and the notion that a moderate or conservative can get elected Mayor is the ranting of a lunatic.

They contend that the election for Mayor will, in effect, be the Democratic Primary to be held next September (or June – the powers to be have not figured that out yet). The Republicans? Not a chance! This City will be owned lock, stock and barrel by the far left liberal wing of the Democratic Party. Currently four of the 51 City Council members are Republicans.

Meanwhile, those same political consultants will tell you that the City of New York faces enormous fiscal problems. Huge deficits loom. We’re told to fasten our seatbelts and that huge tax and fee increases are coming since liberal Democrats have never met a government expenditure that deserves to be cut.

On the other hand, Chairman Scamardella reports, there are candidates, both Democratic and Republican, who clearly see the fiscal cliff and who know that spending cuts and the creation of a favorable business climate are the only way to increase employment and revenue, thereby sustaining the City’s economic viability.

The Chairman noted, *“I harbor no illusions about the huge uphill battle Republicans face in New York City. However, I sense that there is a huge contingent of moderate Democrats who are not happy with the current arch liberal mayoral candidate slate of their party. The election of a more fiscally-conservative candidate is more than possible.”* When asked if he could support a moderate or conservative Democrat for Mayor the Chairman replied, *“Of course my first preference is to endorse a Republican who has a real chance to win the election. In the absence of such a candidate, I would support a more conservative alternative to the Democrats current slate even if*

that person is not a registered Republican. It all depends on the full slate of choices we Republicans are able to bring to the table.”

Mr. Scamardella also noted that he has met with at least three potential candidates seeking the Republican nomination. These persons include *“both Democrats and Republicans.”*

CHAIRMAN’S CHATTER

MEDIA MADNESS

PRO LIBERAL MEDIA GIVES DEMS BIG LIFT

What used to be considered a *“wave”* to the left by the mainstream media has become a full blown tsunami. Frankly, I find the bias outrageous. Of course, we all have our prejudices. Any trial lawyer will tell you that jury selection is the most important part of a trial just for that reason. Every television station, newspaper and blog has a bias. As long as they are run by human beings, that will be the case.

As a Republican, I would be the first to admit that Fox News leans to the right in their coverage. To which I say, *“Thank God.”* The rest of the mainstream media is so Anti-Republican in its *“news”* coverage as to make me cringe.

Some slant to news coverage is expected and, as indicated, the few right leaning outlets do not rise to the level of perfect objectivity.

However, the normal *“slant”* has become outright advocacy for the left by the vast majority of mainstream media outlets. This is particularly true when it comes to the treatment of President Obama. The mainstream media has wholly gone off the reservation and any protestations of *“fairness”* are laughable. Put simply, the President is revered by most pundits and news commentators while they normally show open contempt of Governor Romney. This is nothing short of an outrage.

The examples are many but the coverage of the second 9/11 terrorist attack makes the point virtually self-evident. That’s right, there was a second 9/11 terrorist attack. It took place on Sept. 11, 2012. Even the Obama Administration, after two weeks of deceiving the American people, now admits this.

A United States Embassy, sovereign American soil, was overrun by terrorists. In the process. they murdered the American ambassador and two U.S. marines. How was this treated in the mainstream

press? They concluded that the real *“news”* was to denigrate Mr. Romney’s comments about the attack! The President, whose job it is to prevent such happenings, didn’t even get chided. In fact, that attack should have brought massive criticism on the President and seriously threatened his re-election. It highlighted the wholesale failure of his *“accommodation”* foreign policy.

The media was aware of this and simply slanted the news to save a failed presidency.

For Republicans, the question is no longer, *“Do the media have a bias against us?”*

That is obvious. The question is what do we do about it. Frankly, I’m open to suggestions and struggle for a solution. However, I do believe there are four things we can try.

First, we must advocate for more avenues through which candidates can directly reach the electorate without the intervening prejudicial comment on the mainstream media. Debates are the perfect vehicle. After the first presidential debate, the mainstream media, choking on their disappointment, had to concede Mr. Romney’s victory. The people saw it for themselves. Cyber town halls and other electronic means of communication to mass audiences should be developed.

Second, leadership is important. We must constantly put forth candidates with extraordinarily good communication skills who can relate directly to the voters and earn their trust. Direct access to voters as the first step is meaningless unless the candidate has extraordinary communication skills. Ronald Reagan was not called the *“Teflon President”* for nothing.

Third, our candidates and elected officials should consider snubbing media outlets that are openly hostile. This may cause those outlets to actually diversify their staffs and hire some folks who actually think that Republicans sometimes have a point.

Fourth, as consumers, we should not be supporting liberal media outlets. I haven’t bought a NY Times Newspaper in months. The old Gray Lady can try and dye her hair without my money and my eyes will not glance at their advertisements. Ditto Newsweek and MSNBC. The Wall Street Journal, The Economist, The Week and Fox News fill in nicely. The mainstream media is on a mission to get President Obama re-elected. Like hairspray and cars, they are trying to *“sell”* a president. Their political news coverage has become another advertisement. Show that you refuse to buy their products and that you refuse to buy them.