

THE NEW YORK STATE DEMOCRATIC RURAL CONFERENCE

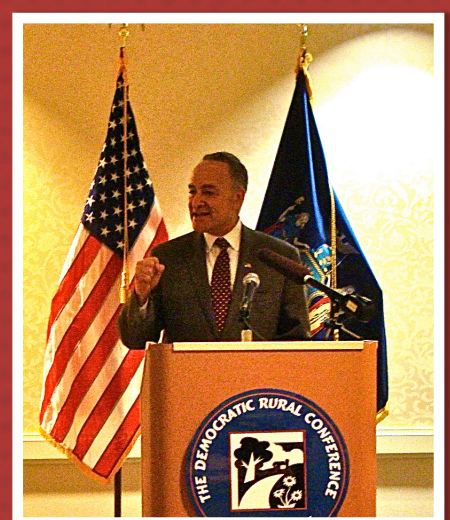
The Spring Conference Straw Poll Edition

Our recent convention and Straw Poll in Niagara Falls was by most accounts one of our most successful ever. Its importance in the world of New York State politics was confirmed when the New York Times said in essence that the DRC has become the starting off point for the New York political season. Hopefully your local press reported our event, we had the most coverage by the media of any previous convention.

A gathering of this magnitude does not happen easily. A great many people made it happen and we are grateful to them all. Special thanks to Jane Dodds for her efforts in the overall management of the convention. Cindy Emmer, once again, made certain that the registration process ran smoothly and Phil Jones in his inimitable style made certain that the Straw Poll functioned as it should.

Our election Inspectors; Bob Brechko, Bill Fruci, Mary Salotti, and Ruth Same made certain every ballot got counted accurately. Many others contributed in a host of ways and we could not have such an outstanding event without them.

Finally, our Chair Irene Stein, made certain that all of us kept on track. Incidentally Irene has just returned from a well deserved, relaxing vacation in France.



A FEW MOMENTS



BOARD ELECTIONS

DRC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The following were elected to the Executive Committee:

Cindy Lockrow-Schimmerling - as a new member

And returning to the board

Don Ackerman

Ted Young

Dan McCandless

Dottie Betz

THE RESULTS OF THE STRAW POLL

US SENATE - Our two U.S. Senators, Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand won overwhelming victories, both with percentiles in the high 90s.

COMPTROLLER - Tom DiNapoli received a unanimous vote.

LT. GOVERNOR - Chris St. Lawrence scored an impressive victory with 53.47% to Bill Samuels 36.13%

ATTORNEY GENERAL - Certainly the most hotly contested race was for Attorney General. The vote was as follows:

Eric DiNallo 46.89%

Kathleen Rice 22.32%

Sean Coffey 14.69%

Eric Schneidermann 9.32%

Richard Brosky - 6.21%

GOVERNOR - There were no announced candidate for Governor, but our intrepid DRC led the way by drafting Andrew Cuomo to be our nominee when June O'Neil nominated him and Tom Poelker Seconded. Andrew Cuomo was then designated as our candidate by unanimous acclamation.

Hope to see you all in Rye at our 3 PM meeting on Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at the Rye Hilton.