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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **A Word from the Chair**
- **Piscataway Town Fair**
- **Middlesex County Convention**
- **Clean Up Day**
- **Book Review**

Middlesex County Convention Chooses Candidates

The Middlesex County Convention went off as smoothly as these events go. The most controversial event that occurred had to do with County Chair Sam Thompson defending himself against accusations of double dipping from the state trough. After clarifying himself and threatening to sue the Star Ledger for Liable if they didn't run a retraction of their statements, the convention continued on.

In all there were representatives from all seven districts that include some portion of Middlesex County.

The only race where voting by the attendees was needed was

for County Freeholder. The three gentlemen: Mr. Champion, Mr. O'Sullivan and Mr.

represent the Republican ticket for Freeholder in Middlesex County this November.



In the 17th District (*Piscataway, Franklin, Highland Park New Brunswick, North Brunswick & Millstone*) Jordan Rickards (*pictured*) is the State Senatorial candidate and running for State Assembly are Mr. Robert Mettler, the former Mayor of Franklin and Mr. Carlo Dilalla.

The PRO looks forward to working with these candidates in helping them oust the perennial democrat leadership that currently reigns.

Duvdevani were running for two slots on the ballot. The final tally saw John O'Sullivan and Avi Duvdevani as the winners to

A Word from the Chair

Republican, Democrat, Left, Right or Moderate, Blue or Red, together we should stand shoulder to shoulder as Americans act appropriately in the wake of the death of evil, Osama bin Laden.

We must continue to remind the world that the accomplishment of bin Laden's death serves as an

example of American resolve and strength in the protection of her people. We must be thankful to those who unselfishly and bravely were willing to give their lives for that protection.

We must remain aware that evil remains within the conscious of the

son's of darkness as we continue to move forward to peace.

God Bless America!

Bobbi Goodman

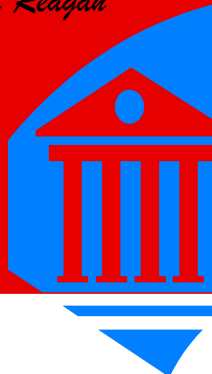
April & May Meeting Summations



Join us in making the PRO a great success for Piscataway.

"The family has always been the cornerstone of American society. Our families nurture, preserve and pass on to each succeeding generation the values we share and cherish, values that are the foundation for our freedoms."

— Ronald Reagan



If you missed the April and or May meeting here is what took place.

April:

Bobbi Goodman and others spoke about their impressions of the Middlesex County Convention.

Councilman Tim Smith of Roxbury and President of GEM (Government Efficiency Movement) spoke about consolidating Police forces as a way of saving taxpayer money.

The PRO is going to participate

in the towns Memorial Day Parade.

PRO was going to participate in the upcoming Piscataway Clean Up Day.

Damon updated the group on some of the recent town meetings:

John Costello spoke on 101.5 concerning and defending a recent controversy involving Middlesex County Chair and Assemblyman Sam Thompson

Brien Szabo previewed a commercial exposing County Dem-

ocrat ineptitude.

May:

Discussed the PTR-65 Bill which allows home owners 65 years & older to freeze their property taxes—a more in depth article will appear in the next newsletter.

A bill is circulating in the NJ Legislature that would require voter approval on bond issues.

We topped 100 friends on our Facebook page.

Anna Little may walk with us in the Memorial Day Parade.

Tim Smith presentation offers a way to Save Money

In April, Councilman Tim Smith of Roxbury and President of GEM (Government Efficiency Movement) came & spoke to the PRO about ways in which local municipalities can save money through shared services. His concentration was on how towns can save taxpayers money by merging police departments.

He illustrated how the main feature of police work—public safety through presence, would not be affected by streamlining police departments.

As convincing as Mr. Smith painted the picture of this policy for saving monies, he also stressed the difficulties with implementing the plan.

He spoke about the inevitable streamlining of certain jobs, the friction of "Home Rule" & the perception of the loss of security to the neighborhood.

Mr. Smith was quite clear that this restructuring method would not, *at all*, effect the amount of patrol officers needed to assure public safety.

Other groups should consider having Mr. Smith speak to them.

Piscataway - PRO helps Clean Up the Town

On Saturday, April 30th members of the PRO Team participated in the Annual Piscataway Clean-Up Day.

We, as well as many other organizations met at the Piscataway Little League Field bright and early, where we signed in, and received our protective gloves and garbage bags. We

were assigned to clean up Columbus Park. Girl Scout Troop 81442 was also assigned to the park, where the two groups worked to make the park a cleaner place.

We enjoyed the brisk weather, exercise and camaraderie as we proceeded to accomplish

the task that was expected of us. At the end of the morning we were confident that we left Columbus Park less littered than when we arrived. We also enjoyed taking pride in bettering our community!

PRO participates in 20th annual Town Fair

The Piscataway Republican Organization participated in the 20th annual Piscataway Town Fair on Saturday May 7th. It was a gorgeous spring day. The fair attracted lots of residents as well as out-of-towners. The traffic of people at times was wall to wall.

Our booth was particularly busy this year as we held a special contest. The task was to guess the number of Elephant Seeds (jelly beans) in a barrel. Whoever came closest would win a Kindle. For

those who don't know, a Kindle is an electronic reading device where one can download and store multiple books.

We had over 90 people participate. There was a wide assortment of guesses from 256 to 55,000. The actual amount of seeds in the barrel was 2,798. The winning guess was 2,736 by Carol Smith of South Plainfield.

We also gave out lots of stickers and pencils to the many children

who came by and their parents received a PRO magnet. It was a successful day. The members who helped run the booth talked to lots of residents. We also spoke to a number of

people who expressed interest in attending upcoming meetings.



Convention Moments by Julie LaSaracina

Republicans from all ends of the county gathered to hear speeches from the upcoming candidates for the State Assembly, Senate and County Freeholder. The Middlesex County Republican Convention on April 6 began like all other political proceedings, with the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem. The room was full of dedicated Republicans. Several Tea Party shirts could be

seen and former Tea Party Congressional candidate, Anna Little, was present. The energy in the room was exciting as hopeful candidates scurried to get as many signatures as possible on their petitions.

After opening comments by Assemblyman and Middlesex County Republican Organization Chair

Sam Thompson, Assemblyman Alex DeCroce, the head of the Assembly Republicans, told the crowd that the Middlesex County Republicans need to show the state our true size and strength. State Coordinator, Lucille Panos, gave brief comments and said she knew she was, "preaching to the choir, but this time, the choir really needs to sing."

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Book Review: Game Change authors: John Heilemann and Mark Halperin

There is no doubt that the 2008 Presidential election was historic. What was really intriguing was the back story behind that election. The authors, John Heilemann and Mark Halperin lift the veil off what was often a cat and mouse game of insecurity and one-upmanship. *Game Change* essentially covers the Obama/Clinton primary and the McCain/Palin aspect of the election with enough juicy tidbits to pack a political tabloid gossip rag.

Clearly written and immensely engaging, this book is an addictive page turner. The reader will get insight into the Clinton camps two main issues: What was its

message to the people going to be and what to do with Bill? The third issue that presented itself was how to handle Barack Obama? Attacking him presented a myriad of problems no one wanted to handle.

The reader is given awareness as to just how organized the Obama campaign was and how cool a customer he presented himself. You also go into the minds of the men behind the campaign who wondered when and if anyone, would see beyond the rhetoric and the appalling lack of detail the junior senator had for solving problems.

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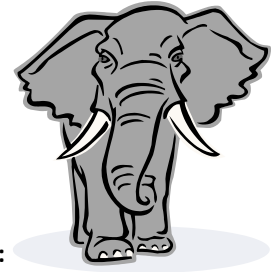
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www.piscatawaynj.org

We meet every second Thursday, 8pm, at the Spain Inn:

the corner of Rock Ave. & 7th Ave.



PRO Leadership for 2011

Chair: Bobbi Goodman

1st Chair: Don Pierce

2nd Chair: Bob Bostick

Treasurer: Julie LaSaracina

Secretary: Brien Szabo

“We were born to succeed, not to fail.”

Henry David Thoreau

Convention

The democratic process, including official ballot voting, was in full swing at the convention. As we embark on another election cycle, the PRO sends best wishes to all of the Republican candidates!



PRO members at the Convention.

Book Review

The third part of this expose is a look into the McCain/Palin campaign. We are introduced to a man that at times campaigned as if he didn't want to be president. As with Hillary, he lacked a central message. We find out that he was deeply impressed with Sarah Palin. Yet it quickly became apparent she lacked a basic understanding the political system and was not well versed in national affairs. Her positive was that she thrived under pressure.

If you've never read a book on a presidential election, make this your first. Your memories of the events of the campaign will come alive which makes all the behind the scenes drama that much more enticing. *Game Change* is a winner for the reader.

Congratulations to the Brave men and woman who took great risk in bringing justice to an evil man. Thank you for your service.

