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## NEWSLETTER

**Conservative Party News**, the Conservative newsletter of Monroe County, was started in May of 1989. It is published twice yearly, in May and October. Conservative Party News is provided free to all registered Conservatives in Monroe County, all Conservative endorsed candidates and Elected Officials. It is also sent to key contacts throughout Monroe County and New York State (approximately 9,000 recipients). The purposes of our newsletter are threefold: To explain the Conservative philosophy, to provide the enrolled Conservative with timely, accurate, relevant political news, and to promote (help elect) our endorsed candidates. We hope you enjoy this issue.

*For lower taxes,  
 less government,  
 and public safety*

**Please  
 Vote  
 Row C**



## PRESIDENT TRUMP, JUSTICE DOYLE, JUDGE VALLERIANI, JUDGE DINOLFO, JUSTICE LINDLEY, ELENA CARIOLA, AND KARLA BOYCE LEAD THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY TICKET

This year the Monroe County Conservative Party's Executive Committee has supported 30 excellent Conservatively oriented candidates for public office. We have chosen our endorsed candidates from among enrolled Conservatives, Republicans, and Democrats. They are on the Conservative line, Row C. The Monroe County Party hopes that you, your family, and friends, can vote for our very good candidates, listed below on Election Day, November 3, 2020.

CANDIDATE	OFFICE	CANDIDATE	OFFICE	CANDIDATE	OFFICE
Donald J Trump.....	President	Mike Barry.....	State Senator - 56th District	Elena F Cariola.....	Surrogate Court Judge
Michael R Pence.....	Vice President	Patrick M Gallivan.....	State Senator - 59th District	Karla F Boyce.....	County Clerk
Dan Doyle.....	State Supreme Court Justice	Edward A Rath, III.....	State Senator - 61st District	Andrew G Caschetta.....	Mendon Superintendent of Highways - 1 Yr Term
Sam L Valleriani.....	State Supreme Court Justice	Robert G Ort.....	State Senator - 62nd District	Aaron Baker.....	Ogden Member of Town Council - 3 Yr Term
Vince Dinolfo.....	State Supreme Court Justice	Marjorie L Byrnes.....	Member of Assembly - 133th District	Dan Wolf.....	Ogden Superintendent of Highways - 1 Yr Term
Stephen K Lindley.....	State Supreme Court Justice	Josh Jensen.....	Member of Assembly - 134th District	Robert F Ockenden.....	Penfield Member of Town Council - 1 Yr Term
George Mitrakis.....	Representative in Congress - 25th District	Mark Johns.....	Member of Assembly - 135th District	Robert M Shaddock.....	Pittsford Town Justice
Chris Jacobs.....	Representative in Congress - 27th District	Peter Vazquez.....	Member of Assembly - 138th District	Donald F Knab, Jr.....	Rush Town Justice
Pamela A Helming.....	State Senator - 54th District	Stephen M Hawley.....	Member of Assembly - 139th District	Phyllis P Wickerham.....	Rush Member of Town Council - 1 Yr Term
Christopher M Missick.....	State Senator - 55th District	Derek M Harnsberger.....	County Court Judge	Ryan M Lang.....	Rush Member of Town Council - 1 Yr Term

## TOM COOK

Tom Cook, the Chairman of the Monroe County Conservative Party for more than 40 years, passed away Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020. Tom grew the Conservative Party to a major political force responsible for the margin of victory in many elections. He had an incredible impact on the composition of government in this part of the State.

In the process, the Monroe County Conservative Party became the most powerful and successful in New York State.

Tom was a fighter who not only supported innumerable successful County Executive, Legislative and Judicial candidates, but also engaged in many fierce public policy debates (most of which he won) such as the

Metro Police Plan, Morin Ryan Tax Plan, and the Public Defender selection issue.

But finally, and most importantly, Tom was loyal. In a business not known for loyalty or courage, Tom had an abundance of both. It has been said: *"Loyalty, in the end, is the most conservative virtue."* Tom will be missed.

## WHERE WE STAND

The New York State Conservative Party is the only legally recognized Conservative Party in the nation. This is partly because New York allows cross party endorsements of candidates by all political parties. Unlike other political parties, the Conservative Party stands for precise positions on the

relevant issues of the day. Most of our enrolled Conservatives and endorsed Candidates support many of our beliefs of: lower taxes, less government, Life, public safety, the 2nd amendment, a meritocracy, patriotism, hard work and individual initiative, electoral honesty, fiscal sanity, the selection of

federal judges who will interpret the Constitution rather than re-write it, and national sovereignty and security. At this critical and pivotal time in our nation's history, America, New York State, and Monroe County need and deserve the implementation of our common-sense Conservative philosophy.

## ELECTION 2020 AND BEYOND!

Last year's elections produced mixed results for the Monroe County Conservative Party. We endorsed 116 conservatively orientated candidates, most of whom were victorious. We were the margin of victory in 5-7 County Legislature races. Then County Executive Cheryl Dinolfo received 14,662 votes on Row C.

This year we have endorsed 30 candidates for public office. We have a tradition of endorsing and helping to elect very good judges. An important and competitive race has developed for the Monroe County Surrogate Court. In June our candidate **Elena F. Cariola** won every contested primary, and now has seven lines on the ballot against one for her challenger. Elena has momentum, 9 years of experience as a Deputy Public Administrator (an Officer in the Surrogate Court) and all the personal and professional qualities that would make her an excellent Surrogate Court Judge. In the four State Supreme Court races, we are supporting Justice **Dan Doyle** and Appellate Division Justice **Steve Lindley**, both of whom are running for re-election, and County Court Judges **Vince Dinolfo** and **Sam Valleriani**.

This year Senators **Joe Robach** and **Rich Funke** are retiring. Joe is retiring after almost 30 years in the State Legislature. He has developed a tremendous reputation for constituent service, support for our region, and community engagement. Rich reclaimed the east side Senate seat for the Republicans in 2014, and immediately put his common sense conservative principles to work for the district and the region. We have endorsed **Mike Barry** for Joe's seat, and **Chris Missick** for Rich's seat.

Next year is a "Super Bowl" election year. All 29 Monroe County Legislature seats are up, in addition to a Supreme Court Seat, Town Supervisors, Town Boards, Town Judges and many other local candidates. In all we will be endorsing more than 120 candidates. The Monroe County Conservative Party intends to play a pivotal role in the future of Monroe County elections.

## CONSERVATIVE TIDBITS

### RANDOM THOUGHTS ON POLITICAL ISSUES IN ROCHESTER, ALBANY AND WASHINGTON

This year we were unable to hold our Annual Conservative Dinner for the first time in 58-years. We are hopeful (optimistic?) that we will be in a position to renew the tradition next year. / In 2016 Hillary Clinton stated that "you could put half of Trump supporters into what I call the single...**basket of deplorables**". This year Joe Biden accused President Trump of dividing the nation and bringing out the worst in people, but then noted that "there are probably anywhere from 10% to 15% of the people out there that are **just not very good people**..." At this rate maybe most of us will be tolerated by 2024. / Where are the protests for the 2 ambushed Los Angeles Deputies? / **Media Bias:** Conservatives have long believed that the so-called mainstream media has a sharp leftist bias. Perhaps one of the President's enduring gifts to the country has been to expose that bias more clearly for all to see. In a recent poll fully 60% of respondents stated that they thought press coverage of Trump was unfair. **The media is totally compromised.** / By now, it is apparent that President Trump was a victim of a knowingly unjust attempt to subvert his 2016 victory. / **House Speaker Nancy Pelosi** was caught on video entering a hair salon without her mask on September 3. This despite her sharp criticism of the President, Republican Governors, and many citizens who apparently aren't taking the pandemic seriously enough. I guess there is a different set of rules if you are in the political and moral elite. / **Voter Fraud** Much has been written about the possibility of voter fraud in the upcoming elections. Democrats speak of voter suppression while Republicans ask for ballot security. So now disallowing improperly cast or illegal votes is "suppression"? It is self-evident that mail voting is more prone to fraud than in-person voting, which may explain why the concept of mail voting and early voting is so popular in some quarters. / How is it that you can be sanctioned or shut down for trying to run a business or a church service without observing Government restrictions (or at the very least scolded and criticized) while virtually no attempt was made to curtail the large protests in the summer, whether peaceful or violent? / **Democratic Dysfunction:** The local Democratic Party is experiencing a period of dissention and turmoil. In June there were several contentious primaries, which were then followed by a fight over who would represent the Democrats as Election Commissioner and a struggle over who would be selected as the Democratic Minority Leader in the County Legislature. There is a new Democratic County Chair. / Assemblyman **David Gantt** passed away this year, at the age of 79. He served his constituents tenaciously for 10 years as a Monroe County Legislator, and then for 37 years as a New York State Assemblyman. R.I.P.

## EXTREMIST? YOU BE THE JUDGE

Recently, a candidate for the New York State Senate criticized his opponent for being endorsed by "the Conservative Party, an extremist organization." Let's look at the record. Large segments of the Democratic Coalition (although, thankfully, not all) support the following policies: lax or no enforcement of our

immigration laws (which would lead to completely open borders and loss of sovereignty); spending an estimated \$50 to \$90 trillion dollars on a so-called "Green New Deal"; the conscious and deliberate suppression of religious freedom of expression; bail "reform" which mandates the premature release of individuals who

in some cases have been rearrested scores of times; defunding the police; the enshrinement in the Constitution of a right to partial birth abortion in all circumstances; voting rights for non-citizens (in some quarters even illegal aliens) and additional curbs on Second Amendment rights. **Who are the extremists? You be the judge!**

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## PRESIDENT TRUMP: UNMITIGATED SUCCESS, INTERRUPTED

President Donald J. Trump has a style and tone which many find uncomfortable. But his accomplishments speak for themselves. His tax cuts, reductions in excessive regulation, pursuit of energy independence, and many other policies resulted in a **booming economy**, evidenced by a strong stock market, good gross national product numbers, and the **lowest unemployment rate in over 50 years**.

Trump has systematically and aggressively altered trade agreements (such as NAFTA and the TransPacific Partnership) to restore a measure of fairness for our companies internationally.

While we clearly are suffering through a severe slump brought on by the unprecedented lockdowns due to the COVID pandemic,

does anyone really believe that the higher taxes, increased regulation, and other policies advocated by the President's opponents are more likely to bring us a recovery than those which were so spectacularly successful before the pandemic?

As strong as his record on the economy is, indisputably his most significant accomplishment has been the nomination of conservative federal judges. His nomination of **Amy Coney Barrett** is the latest step in an effort to return the courts to their originally intended constitutional role, to interpret the constitution and lawfully enacted statutes according to their terms. The President has also abrogated the **Iran Nuclear Agreement**, resigned from the

Paris Climate Accords, supported the democratically elected leader of Venezuela against the Maduro dictatorship, persuaded Mexico to assist us in stemming the surge of illegal immigration across our southern border, strengthened our national defenses and made innumerable other decisions, large and small, which **enhanced our security and our sovereignty**.

Finally, the President's policies in the Middle East have been so successful that he has been **nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize**.

In each of these actions, and many others too numerous to mention, the President has been absolutely faithful to the policies he ran on. For that reason alone, as well as his many successes, he deserves our thanks and continued support.

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## GEORGE FLOYD, DANIEL PRUDE AND THE RULE OF LAW

The facts surrounding the George Floyd and Daniel Prude incidents invite examination and, if necessary, changes in procedures designed to reduce the risk of similar events. And Conservatives believe in the Right of Assembly, and the right to petition the Government for the redress of grievances.

However, Conservatives also believe in the right of people to be secure in their persons and property. There is no excuse for rioting, burning, looting, smashing windows and threatening

fellow citizens. We also understand that the job of a police officer is difficult, and often dangerous and thankless. As a group and an institution, **the police deserve our support and appreciation**. The concept of defunding the police is **anarchistic**, and **dangerous** for all Americans. It is particularly dangerous for our fellow citizens who live in high crime areas, who are more likely to be the victims of crime, and consequently more at risk if the police are prevented from doing their job.

It is not for us to make judgements

regarding the activities of individual officers, or, in the Daniel Prude case, who knew what when. However, we call on the authorities, as they make their assessments and recommendations, to remember that it is impossible to have an orderly, thriving and successful society in the absence of those **courageous**, well-intentioned people who are prepared to confront criminals and prevent criminal activity from becoming commonplace. We call those people "police."