Assembly District 14

Claudia Borecky

Claudia. Borecky is in her sixth year as President of the North and Central Merrick Civic Association. In her first month in office, she formed a Neighborhood Watch Program to address a rash of robberies, which now has 3500 participants with a sophisticated email alert system and Facebook messaging. She united with neighboring civic associations to address the proliferation of cell towers in our community and worked with the Town Attorney to write its wireless telecommunication code. She garnered community support and again united with civics to fight the high cost of private water and successfully urged the Towns to not only reconstitute a water authority to study the feasibility of a public takeover, but to fund it as well. She founded the LIRR Parking Lot Committee, which pushed for and successfully was able to institute parking permitted lots at the Bellmore and Merrick LIRR stations.

Ms. Borecky joined Seaford, Wantagh, Bellmore, Merrick, Freeport and Island Park civics and community organizations to address community issues such as revitalizations projects to protect our communities from extreme storms; establishing the water authority; fighting a strip club in Wantagh; a motel in Island Park; and an incinerator in Freeport. As a result, Ms. Borecky has a seat on Nassau County's Hurricane Sandy Storm and Wastewater Treatment Advisory Committee. Ms. Borecky is an active member of the NY/NJ No-LNG Coalition, garnered island-wide coalition against an LNG island proposed to be built off the shores of Long Beach and worked with other civics, environmental protection groups in both New York and New Jersey, and concerned citizens and successfully defeated this project. A similar project has resurrected and Ms. Borecky holds presentations throughout Nassau County on the proposed Port Ambrose LNG facility.

Ms. Borecky is one of the founding members of the Sludge Stoppers, which is a group of concerned citizens who successfully stopped the sewage from being dumped into Reynolds Channel and squelched the County Executive's plan to lease our County sewage treatment plants to a private investor.

Ms. Borecky is also one of the founding members of the Coalition of Nassau Civic Associations ("CONCA"), which successfully urged the Nassau County Legislature to adopt legislation that prohibits Nassau's three plants from taking in wastewater from hydrofracking.

Claudia Borecky is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1282 and Surfriders. She founded and chairs the Merrick Avenue Beautification Committee, which gardens and plants flowers at the bases of trees in Merrick.

Claudia Borecky is currently employed at the Nassau County Board of Elections. Claudia is married for 38 years, has two sons (ages 34 and 29) and is a resident of Merrick for 32 years.

Assembly District 16

Rich Bentley

Rich Bentley was elected as the first CONCA Vice President, currently serves as 1st VP and was a member of the former NCCCA, serving on the bylaws committee that led to formation of CONCA. A civic minded participant since birth (lol), he has actively served in civic roles for decades. Since 2009 and currently, he serves as the President of the ***Council of Greater Manhasset Civic Associations*** *(link to website).* In 2014, Rich was recognized and awarded the Town of North Hempstead's first Community Champion award. A native of Whitestone, Queens, and alumnus of Holy Cross High School in Bayside, and Stony Brook University, Rich and his wife Patti live in Manhasset and have two teen sons. Rich is an active member of Manhasset's BSA Troop 97 and serves as a Lector Coordinator for the Church of St Mary in Manhasset. He coached little league for a decade and has held previous roles as President of Manhasset's Bayview Civic Association, Treasurer of the 1,024 family LeHavre Owners Corporation Co-op in Whitestone Queens, and Chaired the Whitestone Waterfront Coalition. Rich is a Higher Education and Hospital Administration professional with 30+ years of experience with the State University of New York (SUNY), currently as Director of Administrative Services and President of the Faculty Student Association at Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn NY. He gravitates to civic causes and lives by the quote "A civics work is never done".

Assembly District 17

Sandra D'Arcangelo

Sandra D'Arcangelo has been elected as Treasurer to this Coalition of Nassau County Civic Associations, having served as Treasurer for United We Stand America for Congressional District 3 for a period of four years. Sandra's financial background stems from her employment with the Bank of America, where she held a position with its Private Banking Sales and Administrative Support Departments for 20 years. She continued in her capacity of Treasurer for Young at Heart Senior Group in Bethpage.

Sandra continued to volunteer after retirement with Nassau County's Department of Senior Citizen Affairs in its Foster Grandparent Program and volunteered with Eastern Nassau Head Start.

Previously volunteered as a Catechist with Saint Brigid Religious Education in Westbury, NY.

Sandra's civic responsibilities include Vice President of Northside Civic Association in Bethpage and was a member of the former Nassau County Coalition of Civic Associations ("NCCCA"), which, for the most part, is the launch pad of the current Coalition of Nassau Civic Associations. She continues to work with civic members, her

neighbors and elected officials in addressing contaminated water on Long Island and in particular, with respect to the toxic plume emanating from the former Grumman facility in Bethpage and in 2014 became a Community Member of the Restoration Advisory Board.

Sandra has one daughter and four grandchildren and is a resident of Bethpage for 36 years.

18th Assembly District

David H. Stonehill

David H. Stonehill, an attorney from Merrick, Long Island is the President of the law firm David H. Stonehill, PC. His practice involves the general practice of law although he has specialized in administrative law, regulatory compliance, alternative dispute resolution and election law. He formerly worked in the Assessment Department of Nassau County as well as performing part-time projects for the Town of North Hempstead's Tax Office and the Nassau County Board of Elections. Government service also included membership on the Nassau County Task Force on Latino Immigration.

Active in community affairs, community/governmental outreach and advocacy, Mr. Stonehill has served on a number of environmental and smart growth committees on Long Island. His other offices include General Counsel of the Old Lindenmere Civic Association of Merrick, Communications Chair of Voting Rights Forward, the Board of Directors of the Hispanic Counseling Center and the Board of Directors of the Coalition of Nassau Civic Associations.

Mr. Stonehill earned an A.B., cum laude, from Colgate University (Hamilton, NY) and a J.D from The George Washington University Law School (Washington, DC). He attended Stuyvesant High School in New York, NY.

Assembly District 19

Joan Ortiz

JOAN ORTIZ has been active in civic organizations for over 20 years. She is a founding member of "Parks Civic" and has been on the executive board for many years.

Parks Civic addressed several issues over the years. Some of the more difficult ones include Pilgrim State Mental Home, which required many petitions, rallies, pickets, meetings and letters with politicians, including Governor Mario Cuomo, Mental Health Commissioner Surles and local politicians Kiernan and DiNapoli. We finally won with the help of Supervisor Ben Zwirn.

Another cause I worked on was the Town of North Hempstead zoning regulation that, in effect, allowed rooming houses in the unincorporated areas. The civic informed the residents of the problems that would result with the new law. Rallies at town hall followed. The residents made it clear to the board that this law was not wanted and they did rescind it.

Our civic helps residents get in touch with the right person or office to get the help needed or to complain as necessary. This process has been made easier with the implementation of the 311 call center. However, "simple problems" still need civic pressure.

Joan Ortiz is also a member of several other civic groups that deal with problems that can no longer be handled by Parks.

Ms. Ortiz has a BS degree in Business. She is retired from American Airlines and is a member of the Three Diamond Club. She volunteers as a coach for Seniornet (teaching seniors how to use the computer.) She is also a member of the Community Emergency Response Team and on the advisory board of Project Independence.

Joan Ortiz is a widow. She has 2 children. She is a life-long resident of New Hyde Park.

Assembly District 20

Gerald Ottavino

- Chaired the Point Lookout Civic Association Environmental Committee since 2003.
- Served on the Point Lookout Civic Association Board for 10 years.
- Was a pivotal force in passing NYS legislation to dredge Reynolds Channel in 2007.
- Was a pivotal force in stopping the Suffolk County Water Authority from drilling into the Lloyd Aquifer in Northport in 2007.
- Was a pivotal force in stopping a waste-to-energy incinerator plant from being constructed in Freeport in 2010.
- Successfully opposed the proposed *Lighthouse Project* in Hempstead in 2009-10.
- Aided in securing $1.5 million for the Western Bays Total Daily Maximum Load study in 2009-10.
- Founding member of the *Nassau County Coalition of Civic Associations* and the *Coalition of Nassau County Civic Associations.*
- Chairs the Coalition's Environmental Committee.
- Crafted the By-Laws for both Associations.
- Successfully opposed Nassau County entering into a public-private partnership to sell or lease its sewage treatment plants.

- Founding member of *Beach to Bay Council of Civic Associations.*
- Chairs the Council's Environmental Committee.
- Crafted the By-Laws for the Council.
- Sits on the Nassau County Hurricane Sandy Wastewater Treatment Advisory Committee.
- Represents the Point Lookout Civic Association representative on *Water for Long Island.*
- Currently advancing NYS legislation to protect and manage the LI aquifer system with *Water for Long Island.*

Assembly 21

David Viana
Past President & Co-Founder
Baldwin Civic Association, Inc.

David is the past president of the Baldwin Civic Association (BCA), a non-profit community organization advocating for economic development and quality of life issues in Baldwin, NY. In 2011, David received the Baldwin Herald's People of the Year Award for his efforts in bringing together the Baldwin community with a new civic association. Under David's leadership, the BCA has been at the forefront of many local issues such as the need for smart growth, mixed-use development on a 5.5 acre site in Baldwin's downtown business district. The organization has also worked extensively with Nassau County on the Infill Redevelopment Feasibility Study, which has led to a preliminary proposal to bring complete streets elements to Grand Avenue in Baldwin.

David also serves as a Co-Chair for the Baldwin Committee of the New York Rising Community Reconstruction Program. The committee has been responsible for organizing a plan on how to allocate over $10 million in CDBG disaster recovery funds toward storm resiliency and economic development projects in Baldwin.

David is graduating from Stony Brook University this May, with a major in Environmental Design, Policy & Planning and a minor in Environmental Studies. David has a keen interest in urban planning and public policy issues in New York.

David currently works part-time as a Legislative Assistant to Nassau County Legislator Laura Curran.