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# THE BROADWAY DEMOCRATS

♦ District Leaders: Curtis Arluck, Paula Diamond Román ♦ President: Pat Almonrode♦

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**Interested in the 2016  
Presidential Election?  
Of course you are!**

**Plan to vote in the Club's  
PRESIDENTIAL  
ENDORSEMENT**

**Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Meeting starts at 8:00 p.m. sharp!**

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## District Leader's Report

Curtis Arluck

### Presidential and Congressional Endorsement Meetings: Vote!

#### It's Time to Vote for President!

Broadway Democrats' Presidential Endorsement Meeting is this Thursday, February 11th. Any registered Democrat in the club's area who has paid his or her dues (which can be paid the night of the meeting) and has attended one of the last nine club meetings is eligible to vote. Conversations with club members and people in the neighborhood indicate that we are as closely divided as was Iowa. With our diverse combination of old and young, students and workers, black, white Latino and Asian voters, we are a great representative of the Democratic Party electorate throughout the country (the Republicans, that's another story!) So, in this very close Democratic race between two great candidates, come out and let your voice be heard!

#### ...And for Congress Next Month.

Our club area is divided between two Congressional districts. Manhattan Valley east of Amsterdam, Harlem north of 110<sup>th</sup>, and everything north of West 122<sup>nd</sup> is in the district currently represented by Charlie Rangel; the rest of our area is in the Jerry Nadler district. When we vote in June and November, we will only be able to vote in our own Congressional district, but at the March 10<sup>th</sup> club endorsement meeting, we will be able to vote in both districts, the only difference being that to be endorsed, a candidate must carry the vote in his or her own Congressional district as well as of the club as a whole. It is a foregone conclusion that we will endorse the courageous Jerry Nadler, whether or not he is, as rumored, opposed by a right wing candidate from Brooklyn. But the Rangel district race is wide open, with two clear front runners (Assemblyman Keith Wright and State Senator Adriano Espaillat), a third strong candidate (State Senator Bill Perkins), and at least four others campaigning actively. Just as in the Presidential race, we are a key swing area in the Rangel district race. Harlem and the black community desperately want to hold the seat that only two people, Adam

Clayton Powell Jr. and Charlie Rangel, have represented for more than 70 years. Washington Heights and the Dominican community desperately want to elect their first Congressional representative ever. In our community, we recognize the validity of both of these objectives, but know that there can be only one winner. How we vote, first at the Broadway Democrats meeting, then in the voting booth, could well make the difference. Another reason to vote in the February Presidential endorsement meeting is that it's your last chance to establish eligibility to vote in the March Congressional endorsement meeting. We hope to see you at both of these important meetings.

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## President's Corner

Pat Almonrode

### Let's Get to Work!

2016 promises to be a very busy and very exciting year for the Broadway Democrats. The club will have an active role in two elections—the presidential election and the congressional election to fill the seat of our long-time champion, Congressman Charlie Rangel, who won't be seeking re-election. We'll be working hard to educate and turn out voters for both of these races. For the Congressional contest, we'll be working close to home, of course; but for the presidential race we'll also be coordinating with the national campaign on GOTV trips to some of the nearest battleground states, in addition to our local storefront and other neighborhood work.

Of course, the first step in all of this is for the party to choose its candidates. As I write this column, Hillary and Bernie have come out of Iowa in a tie. The race for the 13<sup>th</sup> Congressional District is not as far along, but promises to produce its own kind of excitement, with lots of familiar faces and some new ones among the announced candidates. Now is definitely an exciting and important time to be involved in Democratic politics on the Upper West Side. And one good way to be involved is to attend our two upcoming endorsement meetings. First, we'll meet February 11th to choose whether to

endorse Bernie or Hillary for president; then we'll meet on March 10th to endorse Congressional candidates. At both meetings we'll hear briefly from speakers for the campaigns, but most of the time will be open for *you* to express yourself and to hear from neighbors and fellow club members. You'll find more details elsewhere in this issue. Please be there!

But even in this election season, the Broadway Democrats are not *only* about electoral politics. We're an important voice in the civic life of the Upper West Side. And as the new president of the club, I want to increase this aspect of our role in the community. I want to cultivate and expand our function as a clearinghouse for information, an educational resource, and a place to gather energy for activism regarding every aspect of civil society. I'm looking for your ideas—what moves you, what do you think needs attention, and what are *you* willing to pitch in and work on? Please let me know (email me at [president@broadwaydemocrats.org](mailto:president@broadwaydemocrats.org)) And get ready to roll up your sleeves!



### **Eligibility to Vote**

To be eligible to vote, you must have attended at least one of the previous nine monthly public meetings and you must pay (or have paid) your dues.

**Please build in time to sign in, pay your dues, and allow us to determine your eligibility to vote.**

As per the club constitution, there will be only one ballot. The winner will be selected by "Instant Runoff Voting"; "no endorsement" is still a ballot option.

# **Broadway Democrats' 2016 ELECTION RESULTS**

## **Officers**

**President:** Pat Almonrode  
**Vice President:** Lizabeth Sostre  
**Secretary:** Luis Román  
**Treasurer:** Dan Zweig

## **Steering Committee**

WillieMae Anderson  
Gretchen Borges  
Susan Crawford  
Katie Hanner  
Norm Levine  
Sarah Martin  
Joe Nunley  
Mary Peppito  
Amy Porter  
Linda Sayre  
Elana Shneyer  
Richard Siegel

# **Congratulations to all!**

**Membership**

In order to vote in club elections (endorsements, elections of officers, judicial convention, amendments), you must be an eligible, voting member of the Broadway Democrats. You must have attended at least one of the previous nine monthly public meetings and you must pay your dues. Dues partially defray the costs of presenting forums and putting out this newsletter. Dues are \$25; senior dues are \$10.

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