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Conversations With The Township Chair

By Susan Lubonovich

WTDO Chair & Committeeman, Pct. 014

I welcome all of you to our sixteenth issue of *The Township Democrat*, the Newsletter of the Winfield Township Democratic Organization.

We are very grateful to you, our readers, for your stalwart support that permits us to explore various issues and concerns in articles that are written from diverse Democratic points of view brought together in one local publication for your consideration. Your unstinting financial support has given us the opportunity to continue publishing our Newsletter and your generous contributions to *The Township Democrat* are deeply appreciated.

Since we last spoke in Autumn 2014, the political landscape, both nationally and here in our state of Illinois, has changed dramatically. People with a very different approach to and philosophy of governing have been placed in positions of authority. How this all will play out remains to be seen. While we need to remain attuned to the consequences of the choices made during last Fall's elections, those elections are over and it is now time to turn our attention to the upcoming Consolidated Elections, the most local of our elections. These are also the elections that historically and notoriously have always had the lowest voter turnout. We consistently allow a handful of voters to make the fundamental decision of how and who will govern us in our communities.

Why is this? Some will say it is voter fatigue, others will point to the many uncontested races, and of course, there is always the old bugaboo, my vote does not matter. Balderdash! Democracy is not a spectator sport. It requires a robust citizenry. And I suggest that we exercise our voting muscles by participating in the opportunity to make

our voices heard in our local communities. Many of us do not wish to run for office and that is an entirely different matter, but participating in the democratic exercise of voting is a requirement and responsibility of good citizenship. No candidate deserves a cakewalk.

But, you may say, so many races are uncontested. That, unfortunately is true. Many of our board and commission seats only have one candidate or an incumbent running, but many do not. There are contested mayoral, city council, school board and trustee races in every single Township in DuPage County. These municipal races demand our attention and our commitment to our communities to choose who will best represent us going forward. Twenty percent (or less) of the community should not make the decisions for 100% of the population.

And last, but certainly not least, the "my vote doesn't count" crowd needs to be addressed. Let us pose that question to now State Treasurer, Mike Frerichs, who hung in until every last vote was counted and pulled off an unexpected victory over a much better known and funded opponent. Or the folks in Naperville several years ago who realized that a small group of single issue voters in their community had pushed through a fundamental change in how they were governed, banded together and forced a referendum on the ballot to change it back? And of course, there is the Village of Winfield, where every Consolidated Election is a seriously contested battle of philosophies over the direction of the Village. Even there, the turnout for the last election was 44% - high for a municipal election, true; but 56% of the registered voters did not participate in this fiercely contested election.

The most important word in our democracy is "We". We decide who represents us. The method - voting: our communal civic responsibility and privilege. Remember, the government that you have not voted for is the government that you will receive. Let us exercise our civic muscle and vote April 7th.

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Achieving Equal Opportunity in Illinois

By Jane Russell

*President of the West Suburban Teachers Union,
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The federal government is requiring each state to submit a plan by June 2015 explaining how it will achieve greater equity in the distribution of education resources. Every state has an existing "equity plan" on file with the U.S. Department of Education, but most plans -- including Illinois' -- are several years out of date. Since these equity plans can be used as guidelines for state and Title I resource allocations, your voice is important. So called reformers will likely use this opportunity to press for increased funding for charter schools, a reduction in impediments to charter school expansion and vouchers, and increased efforts to deunionize the public school workforce. The state equity plan can be found at http://www.isbe.net/SFSF/pdf/equity_plan.pdf

Why does EQUITY matter?

One out of four Illinois children under the age of 5 lives in poverty, and the state ranks 20th among states for overall child well-being. Illinois' child poverty rate is at a dangerous level and was 21% in 2013, an increase from 17% in 2005. According to a recent report by the Chicago-based anti-poverty group Heartland Alliance, Illinois came in last (20.5%) in its share of K-12 education funding coming from the state.

Because of this minimal funding from the state, Illinois relies heavily on local property taxes to fund schools. The result? Wealthy, property-rich districts have far greater resources than poorer districts. Last year, The Education Law Center at Rutgers gave Illinois an "F" grade for funding equity and a "D" grade for its commitment to investing in public schools.

A student's ZIP code should not determine the quality of education he or she receives. Schools with large numbers of students in poverty need additional funding so ALL students have the resources they need to receive a quality education.

What does EQUITY mean?

- Substantively addressing the ongoing crises of education funding in Illinois, which relies on a tax base that inequitably funds all schools and unequally punishes the schools and students that need the most support.
- Actively and expediently addressing child poverty through school, community and statewide systems of support, as well as through tax policies that broaden the base and improve the conditions for all working families of Illinois.
- Investing in induction and mentoring programs to support and strengthen beginning teachers in all schools.
- Investing in programs and funding opportunities to help create a more diverse educator workforce.
- Creating ways for all teachers and schools to be able to afford to build in critical collaboration time and meaningful ongoing professional development.
- Providing for high-quality early childhood education for all at risk children.

If you support the implementation of these overarching themes, contact the Illinois State Board of Education, www.isbe.net and offer your support for a public school system that offers opportunity for all.

"Facts do not cease to exist because they are ignored."

Aldous Huxley

The Uses of Running Away

By Frank Malley

Committeeman, Precinct 015

*“He who fights and runs away,
May turn and fight another day.”*

Shakespeare's Falstaff did not coin this quote that has come down to us, but he certainly lived a life governed by it, and he did say, “The better part of valour is discretion; in the which better part I have saved my life.”

During the campaigning of 2014, the backs of many Democrats could be glimpsed as they disappeared over the horizon, racing away from the President of the United States and the acts and principles of the Democratic Party. In her race with Mitch McConnell, Alison Lundergan Grimes turned herself into a political cartoon during what the Washington Post called “40 painful seconds”. In her session with the Louisville Courier-Journal, the editorial board asked her if she had voted for President Obama in 2008 and 2012. Rather than acknowledge that she might have engaged in such an apparently reprehensible action, she retreated into silence.

Democratic principles have now created more jobs than were lost in the Great Recession. The Dow has moved from a low of 6,547 to a flirtation with 18,000. The Affordable Care Act has brought health insurance to more than 10 million people who had been unprotected.

It could of course be argued that somehow it seemed that the good Democratic news did not come out until after the November 2014 general election. Note, however, this quote from a January 2014 article in the New Yorker: “Obama has every right to claim a long list of victories since he took office: ending two wars; an economic rescue, no matter how imperfect; strong Supreme Court nominations; a lack of major scandal; essential support for an epochal advance in the civil rights of gays and lesbians; more progressive executive orders on climate change, gun control, and the end of torture; and, yes, health-care reform.” Even running up to the 2012 election, a Steve Chapman column in the Chicago Tribune reminded us that Osama bin Laden had been killed, General Motors and Chrysler “and the jobs they provide” had been saved, and a nuclear arms treaty had been signed with Russia.

Here in Illinois, in the 2014 election, millions of dollars of Republican ads seemed to cause Democrats to forget that Democrat Pat Quinn created the Citizens Utility Board saving consumers \$10 billion; as Illinois Treasurer, earned \$848 million for Illinois from investing state money; as Lieutenant Governor oversaw Illinois Main Street for revitalization and economic development of the state's traditional business districts and was active in Operation Home Front and the Illinois Military Family Relief Fund; as Governor, worked to pass a \$31 billion capital construction jobs program to create and maintain more than 436,000 jobs over six years, helped Illinois establish 18,000 new businesses. There was, of course, the campaign-length investigation of corruption in the Quinn governorship. Heard any Democrats speaking up for Pat Quinn? Heard any damning findings coming from the investigation?

Think what could have happened in the November 2014 election if Democrats had trumpeted their social consciousness and unapologetically stood together. . .and actually cared enough to take time to vote.

That did not happen, and Democratic legislators came up with their own anemic version of the favorite quote of trimmers:

He who fights and runs away,
Lives to run away again. . .and again. . .and again. . .

“It is difficult to get a man to understand something when his salary depends upon his not understanding it.”

Upton Sinclair

Bibi, Obama, Israel & the US

By Barry Dredze

Committeeman, Precinct 018

Still fresh off a supporting role by the Republican-led Congress in a campaign ad for incumbent Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, filmed on location in the United States House of Representatives, House Speaker John Boehner announced his trip to Israel to offer personal congratulations on the electoral triumph of the Likud Party.

Speaker Boehner will travel to Israel during the two-week congressional recess that begins March 30, just in time for a deadline for negotiations with Iran to reach an agreement to limit Tehran's nuclear capability with the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, plus Germany; an effort that 47 Republican Senators have tried to disrupt with an open letter warning Iranian leadership that Congress would not support the White House in the event of an agreement they do not like.

Since the Israeli election on March 17, the triumphant Netanyahu has backpedaled on a campaign pledge that there would be no agreement to a Palestinian state while he was Prime Minister -- a promise in direct conflict with the long-standing US foreign policy goal to reach a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Palestinian statehood was even first explicitly expressed by Republican President George W. Bush as recently as fifteen years ago.

"The agreement must establish Palestine as a homeland for the Palestinian people, just as Israel is a homeland for the Jewish people," President Bush stated in his remarks at Jerusalem's King David Hotel on January 10, 2008. "Achieving an agreement will require painful political concessions by both sides. While territory is an issue for both parties to decide, I believe that any peace agreement between them will require mutually agreed adjustments to the armistice lines of 1949 to reflect current realities and to ensure that the Palestinian state is viable and contiguous. I believe we need to look to the establishment of a Palestinian state and new international mechanisms, including compensation, to resolve the refugee issue."

From all appearances, what Speaker Boehner and many of his fellow Republican legislators fail to appreciate is that support for Netanyahu is not a prerequisite for support for the secure existence of the State of Israel.

The United Nations Security Council Resolution 242 passed unanimously in 1967, without dissent from the delegation of the United States. The Resolution calls for "Withdrawal of Israel armed forces from territories occupied in the recent conflict."

On November 3, 2014 an ad appeared and ran the ensuing weekend in various Israeli newspapers, featuring the text of a letter signed by over 100 former Generals in the IDF, police chiefs and Mossad directors, organized as Commanders for Israel's Security (CIS), calling on Prime Minister Netanyahu "to adopt the political-regional approach and begin negotiations with moderate Arab states and with the Palestinians (in the West Bank and in Gaza, too) based on the Saudi-Arab Peace Initiative, as proposed to Israel by the President of Egypt Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi at the recent international conference in Cairo, and Saudi Prince Turki Al Faisal last July."

The call to initiate a peace agreement from the Israeli intelligence community was reiterated as recently as February in a commentary by CIS member and former chief of the Israeli Mossad intelligence agency General Danny Yatom (res.).

"According to the Arab initiative, the Arab states will declare that peace is their strategic choice and acknowledge that there is no military solution to the conflict," Yatom wrote in the February 11 issue of the mainstream Israeli newspaper *Yediot Ahronot*. "Fifty-seven Muslim states are willing to sign peace agreements with Israel. Regional negotiations in order to solve the conflict are a creative idea which will allow regional cooperation in the fields of economy and security, with the Palestinian channel being a leading axis. The moderate Arab states will be able to stimulate the Palestinians to adopt a pragmatic approach for solving the disputed issues."

The Arab population has generally been treated unfairly in Israel, to put it mildly, but the communities have nevertheless been an enfranchised part of the Israeli electorate and had historically appealed successfully to the Israeli judiciary in defense of their civil rights under Israel's Basic Laws. However, Israeli Arab civil rights have certainly been on the decline, particularly as this young century wears on. If Netanyahu succeeds in his stated (and since remarkably "walked back") goal to quash the 2-state solution, then the only real policy options left to Israel are to enfranchise the West Bank Palestinians within the Israeli electorate or else implement a genuinely apartheid regime. Arguably, Israel has begun to take

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State Democrats Lead Effort to Merge Forest Preserve and DuPage County Boards

By Barry Dredze

Committeeman, Precinct 018

State legislation has been filed by Representative Deb Conroy (D-Elmhurst) to put the DuPage County Board back in charge of the Forest Preserve of DuPage County by 2018.

The County and the Forest Preserve District have operated separately for the past thirteen years. Conroy's bill would reverse State legislation approved by the Illinois General Assembly in 1996 and in effect since 2002 that cut the DuPage County Board from 24 to 18 members and created the current six-member Forest Preserve District Board and a president elected by DuPage County voters.

Conroy also had filed similar legislation in March, 2013, that did not reach the Illinois General Assembly for a vote.

Conroy's bill (HB 3099) seeks "to eliminate some redundancy from local government," State Senate Democratic Caucus Communications staff member Deb McCarver wrote in a press release. "Most of Illinois' 102 county boards regulate local forest preserves. DuPage County, which includes parts of Aurora and Naperville, has a separate Forest Preserve Board of DuPage County, something local voters have questioned the necessity of in the past."

McCarver previously served as Director of Communications with the Illinois Chamber of Commerce.

Former Forest Preserve Commissioner for District 6 Roger Kotecki served on the committee created in 1991 by former County Board Chairman Aldo Botti to study the separation of the Forest Preserve District from the County Board and authored its majority report.

"The committee was composed of five members and we voted by a 4-1 margin to recommend that the legislature vote to make each of the two boards have its own separate membership because there is an inherent conflict in the duties and responsibilities of the two," Kotecki said.

Issues likely to be considered in the proposed legislation are the management of land and other resources when interests come into conflict. The Forest Preserve District currently manages approximately a quarter billion dollars in landfill fund reserves and their

interest earnings, Kotecki explained.

"The one agency needs to use up land and the other one needs to protect it," Kotecki said. "There will always be a temptation to use forest preserve land for purposes that are contrary to its essential purpose."

A hearing and likely vote to advance the bill had been scheduled for the State Government Administration Committee on Wednesday, March 25 after having been pulled from the committee hearing schedule on March 18 for revision. The revised HB 3099 would allow communities with populations over 3 million residents to separate their forest preserve districts from county government, while all communities of under 3 million would be required to combine their forest preserve district with County government. For example, Cook County could move forward with its plan to separate their Forest Preserve District from the County Board while DuPage, which has been the model for Cook County's action to separate, would be required to become part of the DuPage County Board.

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initial steps over that line when a law made it through the Knesset House Committee last November to apply Israeli civil law to occupied West Bank settlements, replacing the military administration that applies overall to the West Bank. That law was blocked in a parliamentary maneuver by then-Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni, one of the challengers to Benjamin Netanyahu in the recent election. The incoming Likud-led government is expected to be a harder right coalition.

Initial post-Israeli election reports indicate that the Obama administration is "reassessing" its foreign policy approach to the apparent priorities of Benjamin Netanyahu's incoming government coalition in Israel. Meanwhile, Palestine will become a full legal member in the International Criminal Court on April 1, where Palestine will reportedly sue Israel for war crimes in the Gaza Strip, as well as the Israeli settlement policy in the occupied territories. If Netanyahu's Israel is really so independent, then it can come out from behind Uncle Sam's apron strings and make its case before the international community on its own and without "automatic" vetoes (and often the lone vote) in the UN Security Council. That is not "pressure," it is legitimacy.

The Obama Legacy

By Mark Garrity

Committeeman, Downers Grove Twp, Precinct 104

Why was it important for President Obama to propose liberal populist reforms in his State of the Union speech like capital gains tax hikes on the rich, fees on giant financial firms, and eliminating tax loopholes for inheritances in order to pay for new initiatives that benefit the middle class? For the answer let us look at the GOP responses. But first a little context.

For over a week before the speech the White House outlined some of the themes Obama was going to touch on. It gave Republicans plenty of time to craft their prebuttals and rebuttals. They didn't really need a heads up from the President, for months pollsters on both sides of the aisle have been telling politicians of all stripes economic populism is very important to Americans. Ignoring the concerns of the middle class pretty much explains why voters and non-voters alike are disgusted with Washington -- and for good reason.

Even though the Recovery Act and Obama's overhaul of US car manufacturers were in large part responsible for the technical end of the 18-month long Great Recession in June 2009, many Americans continued to fall financially behind. A lot of people lost good paying jobs and could not find new ones that pay anywhere near their former wages. Others, while still employed have not seen a raise since Bill Clinton was president. College graduates have had a hard time finding a job that allows them to get a start in life while paying off their loans.

To give you an idea why, let us go back to automobile manufacturing as an example. Car factories across the country since 2009 have added shifts and are producing at pre-recession levels. But new hires make a little more than half what those jobs paid in 2007

and because of automation car companies require many fewer workers to build cars.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics provides some of the numbers. Median household income fell 3.9 percent to \$51,939 in 2013 compared with 2009, U.S. Census Bureau data show. The poorest 20 percent of the population are hurting even worse, with incomes dropping 5.9 percent to \$20,900. Washington has done little to address this and it shows.

Back to the Republicans. As he considers running for president again Mitt Romney is changing his tune. No longer demeaning 47% of Americans as dependent on government, he said Friday, January 16th to Republican National Committee members, "Under President Obama, the rich have gotten richer, income inequality has gotten worse and there are more people in poverty than ever before".

Another GOP contender Rand Paul said in his rebuttal, "Income inequality has worsened under this Administration. And tonight, President Obama offers more of the same policies – policies that have allowed the poor to get poorer and the rich to get richer."

Senator Ted Cruz of Texas said to Fox News' Megyn Kelly that night, "It's true that the top one percent are doing great under Barack Obama today. The top one percent earn a higher share of the national income than any year since 1928."

In the official GOP response, new Senator Joni Ernst told us life was so tough in the 1970s and 80s when she was growing up in Red Oak IA "the school bus would be filled with rows and rows of young lowans with bread bags slipped over their feet." protecting their one good pair of shoes from rain just like her. I do not recall life being that bad in the 1970s so maybe

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she was referring to the recession in the early 1980s when Reagan was president. Sort of off message but it was her story nonetheless.

Launching his new political action committee, Jeb Bush asserted earlier this month in the PAC's mission statement that President Obama's tenure has been "pretty good" for those at the top of the income scale but a "lost decade" for everyone else.

Senator Marco Rubio of Florida dashed off a book entitled, "American Dreams: Restoring Economic Opportunity for Everyone," which he published a few weeks ago.

Even anti-tax crusader Grover Norquist thinks Republicans have to do a better job of convincing 99 per cent of Americans that they really are on their side.

Of course being Republicans means none of these politicians agree with President Obama's policy prescriptions. They still tell us he is inciting class warfare against wealthy job creators. While their rhetoric has changed about the problems they say they hope to solve and who they hope to help, their prescriptions have not. As usual, their proposals range from radical ideas such as eliminating government agencies like the EPA and SEC that protect us from wanton polluters and Wall St banksters to more "moderate" proposals to just defund them. Repealing Obamacare is still a popular topic. They still act as if they believe that raising taxes anywhere at any time for any reason will drive us into an economic depression not seen since Herbert Hoover was in office despite all evidence to the contrary.

You may recall in the waning days of 2012, Joe Biden and Mitch McConnell worked out a deal to avoid the Fiscal Cliff, one of the many man-made crises our government faced in the last few years. The White House wrangled tax hikes on the rich from Republicans in trade for tax hikes on the middle class. The 12 year old "temporary" Bush tax cuts for the wealthy that Democrats despised were finally allowed to rise on income over \$400,000 a year (\$450,000 for couples) back up to Bill Clinton's top marginal income tax rate of 39.6 percent from 35 percent, with capital gains taxes going from 15 percent to 20 for the new top tax bracket. Republicans in turn got their hike on middle class payroll taxes that went from 4.2 percent to 6.2 percent.

Altogether that deal will raise government revenue about \$617 billion over 10 years or in other words it takes about \$61 billion a year out of the pockets of Americans and sends it to Washington where they spend it on everything from food stamps, F-18 fighter planes to John Boehner's mahogany gavel polish instead of paying for those things on the government credit card. Since this tea partier's nightmare tax hike kicked in at the beginning of 2013 national unemployment has dropped from 8 percent to 5.6 percent. The country added almost 3 million new jobs in 2014, the most since 1999. Average hourly earnings have crept up from \$23.75 to \$24.57. The stock market has more than doubled since Bush left office. The Standard & Poor's 500 index has tripled since it hit bottom in March 2009. Deficits are also one third of what they were when Bush left town. Gas prices are half of what they were in the summer of 2008 and last summer too. Car sales in 2014 were about 16.5 million, the most since 2006. Inflation, another Republican bugaboo since Obama took office is so low at 1.7 percent it is not talked about much, not even by the country's worrywarts. And Obamacare with all those horrible job killing provisions Republicans warned us about went into action. Did I mention that the unemployment rate went down down from 8 percent to 5.6 percent?

The point is tax hikes do not kill economic growth. They did not when Bill Clinton raised them in 1993 and they did not in 2013 when Obama raised them. For that matter FDR's and Ike's top marginal income tax rates in the 1940s and 1950s did not either. Just the opposite happened.

It is nice to see Republicans finally agree with Democrats about income inequality and the wage gap. Reframing the argument from their disastrous focus on spending cuts in 2011 to the real problems facing most Americans is an important step. The next step should be the recognition that tax increases on the wealthiest among us, especially for worthwhile programs aimed at rebuilding a robust middle class can be good for the economy. And what is good for the economy is good for the wealthy as well as the middle class. That is why it was important for Obama to propose the measures he did. They may not get passed in this Congress. They may not get passed ever. But it has helped change the discussion in Washington from unproductive spending cuts and tax breaks for the wealthy to making the middle class truly prosperous again.

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Wake Up America!

By Ken Christy

President of the Illinois State Association of Letter Carriers

As President of the State Association of Letter Carriers, I represent 15,000 Active and Retired Letter Carriers. Yes, I belong to a Union and I am highly involved with other Unions to preserve our existence as Union members.

We have, of course, our agenda to preserve the Postal Service, and Yes our Jobs and Benefits. Each individual union has their own issues and agendas. Each group that supports Middle Class America, Union and Non-Union, also has their agenda.

The Rich and Powerful, like the Koch Brothers and other powerful individuals, have their Agenda. Their Agenda is simple -- Grow their resources and crush the Middle and Lower classes.

They do this by dividing all others against each other. Example: Union against Non-Union. Black against

White. State against State. Age against Youth, Religion, Race, Guns, Immigration, Abortion, and the list goes on. So we scramble to protect our agendas or beliefs. The result is a great amount of money spent for their agenda. They divide us against each other. Simple, they can hang us individually, but they cannot hang us collectively. We must stand up and bridge these gaps that separate us from each other.

If we do not stand up for the Aged, the Disabled, the Worker, the Immigrant, Middle Class America, the Poor, each group will disappear and, in the end, who will stand up for you?

So I urge all people to come together, merge your agendas and be United against the forces who are out to destroy the people who built this Great Country and the great Middle Class of America.

Ken Christy is President of the Illinois State Association of Letter Carriers and Township Clerk, Aurora Township

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By Dave Oliphant



