

Bush's brother urges DioGuardi to run again

Jonathan Bush, brother of the president, looked beyond this year's campaign when he came to Westchester on Thursday night to help raise funds for Republicans running for the Board of Legislators.

During a reception at Tappan Hill restaurant in Tarrytown, Bush urged former Republican Congressman Joseph DioGuardi to run again next year and try to win back the seat he lost to Democrat Nita Lowey in 1988.



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DioGuardi, who was in the audience, thanked Bush for his kind words, but indicated to some of those present he has not made any plans to run.

Bush covered the political waterfront, heaping praise on outgoing Republican state Chairman Anthony Colavita, who he said had done an outstanding job at a difficult time for his party. Bush said that the party would have "10 to 12" good issues to throw at Democratic Gov. Mario Cuomo in next year's race.

Hosting the \$200 fund-raiser was Board of Legislators Chairman Edward Brady who is seeking to maintain or improve the 10-7 Republican control on the board.

They love Fredman in May

When Sam Fredman walked out of the visitors' section of the state Senate chambers in Albany on Tuesday, the well-known matrimonial attorney from White Plains turned to a friend and said: "I hope I get as good a eulogy at my funeral."

Unlike Marc Anthony and the senators in Caesar's day, the state senators came to praise and not bury Fredman as he was unanimously confirmed as the newest state Supreme Court justice in the five-county 9th Judicial District.

Even though Fredman is a Democrat, the Republicans in the Senate were as vocal in their praise of Fredman as the Democrats, perhaps more so. That's because Fredman was known to many of them, providing input in the drafting of bills.

Sen. Mary Goodhue, R-Mount Kisco, a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, gave the principal nomination speech. She said, "The people and the state are going to be extremely well-served

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to have such a distinguished jurist." Goodhue also noted that many lawyers who have opposed Fredman in matrimonial matters "are very relieved to see him on the bench." Republicans also will be happy to see Fredman become a judge and relinquish his role in partisan politics.

Sen. Emanuel Gold, D-Queens, among the five seconders for Fredman, told his colleagues, "We'll never have an opportunity to appoint a better judge." Sen. Suzi Oppenheimer, D-Mamaroneck, traced Fredman's long record of civic achievement in Westchester and declared: "If you know Sam, you are a friend of Sam."

Sen. Hugh Farley, a Republican from the Schenectady area, used the occasion to say something nice about political people who have served government. "I think it's great to appoint outstanding politicians to be on the bench because they make great judges."

The question remains whether Republicans will like Fredman in November as they did in May. Fredman has sent a letter to state and Westchester Republican Chairman Anthony Colavita asking him for the Republican endorsement for a full term. He noted that when he, Fredman, was Democratic leader of Westchester in 1975 he engineered the Democratic nomination for a Republican, Justice Joseph Gagliardi. Colavita told a reporter, "I'm always ready to talk."

Schroeder to help Lowey

Rep. Pat Schroeder, D-Colo., the senior woman in the House of Representatives, will help Rep. Nita Lowey, D-Harrison, lower her campaign debt.

Schroeder is to speak at a fund-raiser for Lowey at 8 a.m. Friday, at a private home in Pleasant Ridge, Harrison. Tickets are \$50. For further information, call Janine Lichstein, 723 3755.

Schroeder is also scheduled to speak Thursday night at the annual Westchester Democratic dinner at the Rye Town Hilton.

New Lowey aide

Patricia Lynch Ludman of Chappaqua will become director of Rep. Nita Lowey's Westchester district office, succeeding Elizabeth Meyer who is leaving to seek other opportunities in Washington, according to Lowey. Ludman also will serve as her district press

officer. Ludman now works in the press office of the Democratic minority in the state Senate.

GOP women's luncheon

The Westchester Women's Republican Club will honor Assemblywoman Cecile D. Singer of Yonkers on Thursday at its 69th annual luncheon at Alex and Henry's Restaurant in Eastchester. Mary Angiolillo, 285-9816, is in charge of reservations.

Goodhue given law award

On Tuesday, the New York State Bar Association presented State Sen. Mary Goodhue, R-Mount Kisco, with its Howard A. Levine Award for excellence. The presentation was made during a dinner at the Hilton Hotel in Albany by the bar association's Committee on Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare for Goodhue's work on behalf of children.

In accepting the award, Goodhue, who chairs the Senate Child Care Committee, declared: "If we are indeed the Family of New York, then we have no greater duty than to our children."

She said single parents are not receiving adequate child support, and often have great difficulty in collecting support even when they have court orders.

Goodhue said she had introduced legislation on the premise that "the safety of children must come first. Dead children receive no due process."

Appellate Judge Howard Levine of Albany was among those attending the event. A similar award was given to Assemblyman

Albert Vann, D-Brooklyn, chairman of the Assembly Committee on Children and Families. Special awards were given to federal Judge Robert Patterson Jr. of Cold Spring and state Education Commissioner Thomas Sobol, formerly of Scarsdale.

Young Democrats elections

The Young Democrats of Westchester will elect officers tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at party headquarters, 203 Main St., White Plains. County Clerk Andrew Spano will speak. Further information about the organization, for Democrats 35 or younger, may be obtained from Michael Weinberg, president, 332-5296.

Castellano seeks release

Vito J. Castellano of Armonk, the former major general who commanded the New York National Guard, has applied for an early release from Edgewood Correctional Facility in the Bronx where he is serving a term of one to three years for tax evasion.

Castellano was a prosecution witness in the Wedtech bribery case last year during which he admitted accepting \$58,000 from Wedtech, a Bronx military contractor, to use his influence to obtain research funds for the company from the federal government.

According to Edward Edwin, executive director of the state Division of Parole, Castellano's case will be heard the week of May 22 and a decision is expected before the end of the month.

This column was written Milton Hoffman, senior editor politics writer.

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