



The New York Young Republican Club

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Letter from the Corresponding Secretary

With summer well underway and the days of Covid-19 lockdowns almost a distant memory, the New York Young Republican Club is moving forward with exciting events and announcements. Our new Clubhouse opened earlier this spring, and we welcomed GOP Mayoral Candidate Curtis Sliwa for our first official event. Since then, we have hosted approximately 500 Young Republicans in this exclusive space. Our member-only Clubhouse events have let our members meet political candidates, congressmen, authors, journalists, and other brilliant minds within the conservative movement. We could not have gotten to where we are today with our new Clubhouse without the generous support of our club members, community, and even Congressman Matt Gaetz!



In addition to the exciting debut of our Clubhouse, we launched two new caucuses under the terms of our Bylaws: the Hispanic Conservative Caucus and the Asian American Caucus. These caucuses will further advance our goals through outreach within their respective communities, and we hope to charter additional caucuses in the coming months. This month, each Caucus will be hosting its first official event.

Other exciting news includes our growing membership. At the end of last year, we launched a new premium membership tier, Distinguished, which provides significant value for members who plan to be engaged in our largest and most impactful events, and we also revised our existing membership tiers in the last quarter to provide stronger value for our general members. We are approaching the 700-member mark, and we aspire to hit 750 members by August 1.

We also launched an online store earlier this year featuring sleek merchandise adorned with our newly refreshed logo.

So what do we have on the horizon? Our 109th Annual Gala will take place during the first week of December, and we cannot wait to share the details on this year's speakers with you in the coming months! You may have read about our 108th Annual Gala in the news last year—it was a great time for all, and we expect to rise to new heights this year.

It is the goal of The New York Young Republican Club to serve as a safe space where young conservative minds can gather, share ideas, and further the goals of the Republican Party, and we thank you all for your continued support.

Ilana A. Marcus
Corresponding Secretary
New York Young Republican Club

Programming

Last Month's Events

JUNE 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 Candidate Social: Vanessa Simon for City Council	4	5 Great Gatsby Fundraiser
6	7	8 VP Mike Pence Bday (1959)	9	10	11	12 Virtual Discussion with Congressman Paul Gosar
13	14 Pres. Donald Trump Bday (1946)	15	16	17 Speaker Series: Lynne Patton	18	19
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"The world is
not going to
be saved by
legislation."

WILLIAM H.
TAFT

This Month's Events

JULY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Upper East Side Independence Day Social (Free for members!)	2	3
4 Independence Day	5	6 NYCRC Hispanic Conservative Caucus Presents Adrienne Ferguson	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 NYCRC Asian Conservative Caucus Presents Kenny Xu	14	15	16	17
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"Government
of the people,
by the people,
for the
people, shall
not perish
from the
Earth."

ABRAHAM
LINCOLN

Statements

Congratulations Curtis Sliwa



Photo by Denise Flores Almendares

The New York Young Republican Club would like to formally congratulate Curtis Sliwa on his decisive victory last night's Republican mayoral primary.

With 72% of the vote and winning all five boroughs, this primary election shows that populism, authenticity, leading by example, and grassroots-style campaigning are the keys to victory for all potential Republican candidates.

The New York Young Republican Club was honored to play our role in this campaign.

Curtis stood shoulder to shoulder with us in the freezing cold this past March as we re-occupied Wall Street to show our displeasure with the double standards in our society and the corruption of our so-called elites.

He has been with us since the beginning, and now we look forward to supporting Curtis Sliwa's efforts as we advance into the general election this November.

We must not give up or turn to apathy as

Republicans in New York City. We must always keep fighting for our values, principles, and beliefs despite the odds.

Our city is at a crossroads. We can return to the decades of crime, poverty, and decay as we saw before Mayor Giuliani's tenure, or we can pave a new path forward with fresh new ideas and commitments to good governance.

Curtis Sliwa has shown himself to be a fighter not only against crime but the inefficiencies in our city, from the tax code to how we deal with the homeless. Curtis is also bringing forward new ways of thinking as it relates to nightlife and even cryptocurrency.

Fernando Mateo was wrong about a lot of things, but one thing he was right on is that Curtis is not your average Republican. That is why he is our best shot at mayor come November.

We are on the right side of history, and our values will turn this city around and make it great once again.

Event Spotlight: Great Gatsby Fundraiser

On June 5th, the New York Young Republican Club hosted a Great Gatsby-themed Fundraiser to raise money for charity. We raised over \$1,000 for local veterans organizations! This money will directly help support struggling veterans in any capacity they need, be it food, shelter, or physical and mental rehabilitation. The party was a great success, and tickets sold out well in advance. Suspenders, vests, feathers and flapper dresses aplenty adorned our Members as we suited up in our best 1920's attire and awarded the best-dressed man and woman in attendance. Raise your champagne glass to a great night and keep an eye on our calendar for more upcoming themed events and fundraisers.



Photo by Denice Flores Almendares

Event Spotlight: Reception with Congressman Paul Gosar



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Due unforeseen circumstances, Congressman Paul Gosar (AZ-4) was not able to join us in person, but he video-conferenced into the Clubhouse to speak with us about election fraud concerns in his home state during the 2020 presidential election. He addressed the ongoing audits and inconsistencies with the Dominion software and tabulation process. It was our pleasure to host the Congressman, if only digitally, such a great patriot who demonstrates indefatigable commitment in search of truth. We also celebrated our Events Chairwoman Macayle's birthday that night!

Member Spotlight: Haley Hasho



Originally from Long Island, Haley's career in real estate began when she started working at a boutique firm after spending time in the compliance sector at Citibank. She attended the University of Richmond, Stanford University, and the University of Oxford, where she was a public speaking coach, ultimately graduating with honors in Rhetoric and Law. She is a member of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee

(AIPAC), Times Square Church, and a frequent attendee at the Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) and Rent Stabilized Association (RSA) events.

Haley is on New York City's top producing multifamily sales team at Marcus + Millichap. As a broker on the New York Multifamily team, she has helped set multiple sales records across Manhattan and continues to facilitate opportunities for private investors, institutional funds, foreign entities, nonprofit organizations and mom-and-pop landlords. Some of her notable transactions include a 350-unit portfolio of 6 buildings that was just placed under contract for close to \$90,000,000. She was awarded Marcus & Millichap's Manhattan "Rising Star of 2020" as a result of these achievements.

Haley is a classically trained pianist and an avid 1920's swing dancer, enjoys a good game of chess, and loves visiting her family in Charleston. Although New York City is inherently liberal, she is thankful to be in a business where capitalism still exists.

Club History:

1952 – The Club was among the first Republican organizations to go on record in favor of Dwight D. Eisenhower as the Republican candidate for President. Club Member John V. Lindsay helped found The National Youth For Eisenhower. Many capable Club members joined the Eisenhower administration, among them the late John Foster Dulles as Secretary of State, Herbert Brownell Jr., as Attorney General, former Board Chairman Harold H. Healy Jr. as Executive Assistant to the Attorney General of the United States, and Winthrop W. Aldrich as Ambassador to the Court of St. James's. Aldrich was later succeeded in

that role by another Club member, John Hay Whitney. In addition, many former Club Presidents achieved prominence during this period. James L. Guilmartin was appointed as United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, Cornelius W. Wickersham Jr. served as United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York, and Paul W. Williams served as United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York. Paul W. Williams would be succeeded in that role by a former Chairman of the Club's Board of Governors, Samuel Hazard Gillespie Jr.

Opinions

A Parental Standing to Educate

By Michael C. DeBenedetto III, Esq.



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There has been much discussion in recent years about Critical Race Theory, among other socially divisive educational curriculums, that proudly present controversial issues in an emphatic way as the given truth and source of fact without providing any space for reasonable discourse. As a result, our students are left without a complete educational experience. As we continue to debate the merits of what to include and exclude in a curriculum of our educational institutions, we must not forget the parental standing in the education process and the state's active role in getting in between that relationship.

As a result of the Covid pandemic, opportunities developed for parents to spend more time with their children and appreciate first-hand what exactly their children were being exposed to in the classroom. While many teachers bravely strive to educate students and are concerned for their development and success, they can be hamstrung by a curriculum that has been forced upon them by administrators and government entities that yearn for that exclusive direct influence on our young. That influence expands not only to intellectual, but also moral development as a child is malleable at a young age and easily susceptible to positive and negative influences. The school has a role in providing resources to students and sharpening their skills, but should never replace the role of the foremost educators of our students, their parents, especially on matters concerning

significant moral implications that can be subjective.

John Locke does a good job bringing to light this fundamental concept. "The well educating of their children is so much the duty and concern of parents, and the welfare and prosperity of the nation so much depends on it, that I would have everyone lay it seriously to heart..."

This point invokes deeper reflection on multiple levels, first the priority that John Locke places in the responsibility of parents for healthy development of their children. It is their "duty" first and foremost, not the state's. Second, the concept that through that very development the children will one day contribute to the "welfare and prosperity of the nation", not the children simply being products of the state and being detached from the intimate lessons that only parents can truly articulate. Now, this should not be interpreted as to dismiss the value of schools in our communities nor advocate for strictly home schooling, but rather to simply advocate for the position that the state respect the role of parents in their child's education process.

This understanding is also crystalized in our body of Constitutional law. For example, in the case, *Meyer v. Nebraska*, the U.S. Supreme Court held in 1923 that the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment protects the individual's liberty interest of establishing a home and bringing up children. It was clear to emphasize that of the individual's interest, not the state's interest in bringing up children. That case concerned a state law that forbid the teaching of German in school, and the court found this encroached on the liberty interest of parents, most specifically to engage with the instructor to have him teach the class in their community.

While this nation has surely come a long way since dispute over languages in schools, the same concept remains. Controversial curriculums stemming from the state and pushed by bureaucratic entities that move out of the focus of informing, but rather an attempt at

virtue signaling do in fact interfere with the role of parents. The present situation in our nation does not truly allow for transparency and efficient parental dialogue with educators as to the focus of the learning structure. Meyer was an example of scaling back state interference with the education structure and preserving the role of parents in the process.

It is time for us to renew our understanding of this concept and begin taking steps for reform. How can reform come about?

For starters, agencies responsible for education grants and other resources for school districts must be subjected to greater transparency to and audit by the general public. There is not enough oversight and accountability or meaningful intent to engage in substantive dialogue with parents in various educational communities. This can be remedied by promoting state educational transparency legislation.

Second, the teachers' unions must be subject to greater scrutiny. At present, in many areas, they serve as the most obtrusive block towards meaningful dialogue with parents on the educational structure of their children. Whether that be in hires or school structures in a district there needs to be more transparency on what exactly is being promoted within these unions. The discourse in these unions and the philosophies they intend to focus on has a direct trickle-down effect on the students.

Third, the boards of education in various school districts. Parents should continue to demand the right to know where exactly their taxpayer money is going towards, whether that be certain

education initiatives or student development. Issues of major importance such as the decision to incorporate Critical Race Theory or LGBT curriculums, how they will be implemented, and other issues such as speakers and programming all should be subject to scrutiny. The introduction of a notice-and-comment-style approach in communities would be beneficial over allowing major decisions to be made behind closed doors with parents learning of them too late to voice opposition.

Fourth, be willing to be an active participant in your child's life, have for them an alternative library, and spend intimate time explaining to them emotionally charged and controversial concepts.

Finally, on a more practical note, begin coalitions of concerned parents and approach the board of education and local schools on such ideas as potential opt-outs from controversial in-person classes when those lack factual instruction and are riven with ideological distortion. The time saved by students from taking an in-person course that has been laced with unnecessary bias can be used towards an extra study period or perhaps an educational internship for credit at a local business. These are ways to truly create options and again place parents in the forefront of educational decisions with regards to their children.

Be willing to take this stand because, if you do not, the state will, and your child will be left with a compromised educational foundation that does not allow for authentic intellectual and moral development.

Crisis at the Border

By Iulia Lupse

President Biden inherited the most secure southern border in our history. However, in just a few short months, his progressive policies turned the situation at the border into complete chaos while his administration has tried to downplay the severity of the crisis. However, numbers do not lie. Border Patrol encounters at the southern border were the highest in 20 years in the month of May. On his first day in office, Biden suspended nearly all deportations nationwide, reinstated the failed Obama-era practice of "catch and release", shut down



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border wall construction, canceled the Migrant Protection Protocols and proposed amnesty for millions of illegal immigrants residing in the U.S.

While the United States is a compassionate nation, it is also a lawful nation. It has never been clearer that Democrats never believed in border security. The president's responsibility is to protect the sovereignty and security of the United States, which is something President Biden has obviously failed to achieve.

Unfortunately, the situation at the border has tangibly and adversely impacted Americans' lives. The Biden administration's policies have enriched cartels as synthetic drugs are now making their way across the border at alarming rates. Mexican cartels have strategically expanded their reach into the Northeast causing a surge in synthetic drugs seizures in New York City. Incidents of violent crime in the city have also skyrocketed partly due to an illegal narcotics market that sprung up between Port Authority and Penn Station.

Vice President Harris has finally visited the border 93 days after Biden put her in charge of "stemming migration." While she did visit the border, she went to El Paso, which is hundreds of miles away from problem areas like the Rio Grande Valley. This sad excuse of a PR stunt is

too little too late, as neither she nor President Biden have announced significant policy action or demonstrated meaningful understanding of the human suffering that has intensified on both sides. The sad truth is that support for open borders is a key tenet of today's Democratic Party. Immigration is not a human right; it is a privilege granted by a host country. The Far Left has attempted to normalize the idea that territorial rights are imperialistic and non-inclusive by promoting open borders with the goal of moving closer to a socialist America.

One does not have to look far beyond the Biden Administration's border and immigration policies to realize the severity of the Far Left's contempt for America. Opening the borders to people who view America solely as a place to seek financial relief is bound to create more division. For some time now, the Far Left has sought to glamorize victimhood and redefine our nation's identity. Under President Biden, unvetted immigrants have been given the same rights and access to resources that American citizens enjoy. His shameful policies have prioritized trespassers over American lives and have left states like Texas and Arizona to deal with the border crisis alone. With no end in sight for this crisis at the southern border, President Biden must act now by restoring President Donald J. Trump's more successful policies.

Trendsetters

By John Dolita



'NYC - Greenwich Village: Washington Square Park - Giuseppe Garibaldi Monument' by wallyg is licensed with CC BY-NC-ND 2.0.

In New York City's Washington Square Park stands a statue of Giuseppe Garibaldi. While this statue may not mean a lot to you, it does mean a lot to me. And like so many Americans who have seen icons of their heritage defaced and desecrated over the past year, when the statue of Garibaldi was vandalized on June 17, 2021, I felt troubled and dismayed. Will Garibaldi, like so many great but flawed men before him, be the next to be forcibly removed by a leftist mob or government's edict?

I believe that the leftist mob's lack of knowledge on Garibaldi drove them to vandalize his statue. These leftists purport to advocate retribution and resurgence of popular interests. Garibaldi sought the same for his people. In Garibaldi's time, southern Italy lived under the thumb of the Bourbon French Regime. The French were the

latest of many empires to occupy that territory and disenfranchise its native peoples. Under this specter, Garibaldi joined a resistance movement called "Young Italy" and was a freedom fighter and leader in the "Risorgimento" or unification of the Italian peninsula.

Giuseppe Garibaldi was a hero of Italy, and he means something to so many Italian Americans in New York City. The record should be set straight to whoever is responsible for the vandalism that Garibaldi was a positive figure in the eyes of history. But as in so many cases, the value of one's contributions means nothing. The leftist mob aspires only to deface cultural heritage sites for the sheer joy of desecration, rather than remembering, as one should, the past.

New York City politicians and government officials have a duty to uphold peace and security within the city. When these politicians abrogate this responsibility and permit the desecration of cultural heritage sites, they establish a norm that we no longer live in an orderly, civil, or respectful society. By declining to protect the city, they are complicit with, collaborative with, and responsible for its destruction.

"The darkest places in hell are reserved for those who maintain their neutrality in times of moral crisis." - Dante Alighieri

New York City, through myriad iterations over centuries of existence, has offered opportunities for immersion in an ever-evolving set of global cultures. Being here is much like being plugged into the rest of the world, and we can engage with people from different upbringings and backgrounds every day. New York City is a place where every person can build personal bridges to

other cultures as they embrace their own community and family.

Democratic mayoral candidate Eric Adams is the likely candidate for our next mayor. Will he, or whoever becomes the next mayor of New York City, have the integrity and spirit to stand against discrimination of other cultures and fight back against disorder? Will this issue be important enough to him? I often fear it will not be.

"Architecture belongs to culture, not civilization." - Alvar Aalto.

In New York City's recent history, we have seen instances not only of cultural destruction, but also of growth. From the African Burial Ground National Monument erected in 2006 to the Austrian Cultural Forum in 2000, we believed that the more we could learn from other cultures, the better. This is what made New York special, and we must strive to continue embracing each other's cultures with respect. Why would any artists create monumental works of cultural significance if only to see them destroyed?

We must not let the normalization of destruction continue. The pandemic did enough to make people flee the city. What happens when a destructive trend becomes a norm? Great citizens who appreciated our city's unique and immersive experience will ultimately leave.

It is up to the next mayor's administration to reverse this trend. Good policy is the answer, as I believe it so often is. We must re-learn to appreciate and protect art and culture. Will our leaders stand up to help?

"No man is above the law and no man is below it: nor do we ask any man's permission when we ask him to obey it." - Theodore Roosevelt

Endorsement: Curtis Sliwa for New York City Mayor



The New York Young Republican Club is proud to endorse Curtis Sliwa for Mayor of New York City for the 2021 New York City mayoral election. Sliwa is a native New Yorker and a Catholic of Polish and Italian descent who was born and raised in Canarsie, Brooklyn. He is the founder of the Guardian Angels, a radio talk show host, and a longstanding political commentator.

Sliwa founded the Guardian Angels in 1979 to protect New Yorkers from the crime that was ruining lives. Ever since then, he has unfailingly been tough on crime and served as an effective advocate for safe streets, safe schools, and safe subways. He intends to re-fund the NYPD to keep New Yorkers safe and to restore our city, and he will work to reverse ill-conceived, leftist “bail reform” so that criminals are unable to return to communities and continually re-offend while awaiting trial.

Sliwa puts action behind his words, and he has done so with an increasingly high profile during the COVID pandemic. During the summer 2020 riots that destroyed small businesses and communities when Bill De Blasio handicapped the NYPD, Sliwa and the Guardian Angels defended New Yorkers by battling looters and rioters while sustaining injuries themselves. Sliwa also launched a campaign to protect Asian communities from

targeted attacks.

Given his decades-long reputation, some might believe that Sliwa’s focus is solely on crime. This is not the case. Sliwa has a full slate of positions that aim to improve New York City’s economy from the bottom up. He calls for property tax overhaul to correct disparities that leave multi-billion-dollar universities free-riding off small businesses and individual property owners. Under Sliwa, universities like Columbia University and New York University that have decimated their neighborhoods and abused their non-profit status will pay their fair share of taxes.

On education, Sliwa intends to retain the Specialized High School Admissions Test (SHSAT) and Gifted Talented programs, which help New York City schools provide merit-based, differentiated education to intelligent students that set them up for success in the future. He also plans to create more vocational training for students and to increase the number of charter schools, supporting a broad swathe of students by giving them tangible skills and access to teachers beholden to unions.

Sliwa, a voice of fiscal reason, intends to use taxpayer dollars efficiently, and he argues against other mayoral candidates’ platforms of overspending on mandates that are fiscally irresponsible.

Sliwa has strong ideas for New York, and he also has classic, New Yorker chutzpah. A noted fan of electronic dance music (EDM), Sliwa embodies the work hard, play hard attitude. He is an advocate for nightlife and has roundly condemned Democrats’ forced closure of New York’s clubs, bars, and concerts.

The New York Young Republican Club emphatically and enthusiastically endorses Curtis Sliwa in the 2021 New York City mayoral election and looks forward to working with him to re-fund the police, fight crime, eliminate disparities in property taxes, improve education, and prevent overspending on city mandates.

Endorsement: Vanessa Simon For City Council (CD-31)

The New York Young Republican Club is proud to endorse Vanessa Simon for the New York City Council District 31 in the 2021 general election. Vanessa was born in Florida and raised by Haitian immigrants in Long Island New York. Vanessa currently works in Human Resources at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, where she serves as the go-to advisor for the Museum's Senior Vice President.

Vanessa's work ethic speaks volumes to her family's values of hard work and perseverance. After receiving a degree in Political Science from SUNY Geneseo, Vanessa hit the ground running. She became a member of the Suffolk County Young Republicans. She also partnered with KABOOM!, a national non-profit to construct a beautiful new playground in Jamaica, Queens. During the pandemic, she dedicated time to a non-profit homeless center, the Restfull Nights Organization, and to a faith-based rehab center, the Faith Mission Alcohol Crisis Center. She provided both of these facilities with essential care kits and cooked meals for their local communities during the pandemic. In addition, Vanessa captained a project funded by Target to develop a new library that prioritized a safe and healthy learning environment for the children within her community. She organized 250 volunteers to make this possible. Vanessa is also a volunteer lector for St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Vanessa's faith, devotion to family, and



tangible duty to the community set her apart. She shows great promise as a candidate who genuinely strives to make her community a better, more principled place. The New York Young Republican Club urges all voters in the 31st City Council District of New York City to support Vanessa on her quest to replenish and revive the quality of life and living in South Queens and New York City. We commend Vanessa for her dedication to the community and look forward to watching the progression of District 31.

"We the people are the rightful masters of both Congress and the courts, not to overthrow the Constitution but to overthrow the men who pervert the Constitution."
– Abraham Lincoln

Club's Mission

To promote and maintain the principles of the Republican Party; to foster within the Republican Party and make practical in service of the municipality, state and nation, the idealism characteristic of youth; to correct in our own party that tendency of all parties to make organization an end rather than a means; to develop sound principle and public spirit in party politics; to promote honest and fair electoral methods, to the end that the expression of the popular will by whatever party or body, shall be as free, untrammelled and equal as possible; to resist and expose political corruption; to advocate merit rather than partisan service as entitling to public office; to watch legislation and to encourage public attention to and efficiently criticize the conduct of government.

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"Republicans believe every day is the Fourth of July, but the Democrats believe every day is April 15." - Ronald Reagan