

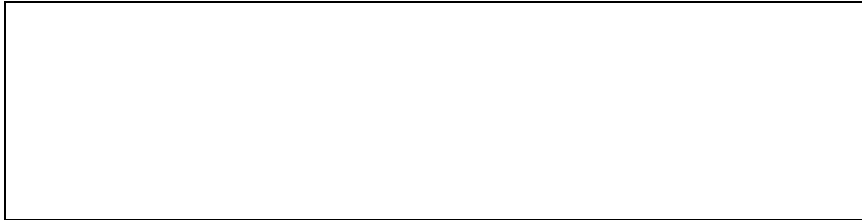


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# THE ROSS TOWNSHIP REPUBLICAN REPORT



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# **ROSS TOWNSHIP REPUBLICAN ENDORSED CANDIDATES**

## **Supreme Court--Pennsylvania**

**Maureen Lally-Green:** Judge Lally-Green was born and raised in Mercer County. She graduated from Duquesne University with a B.S. (Secondary Education-Mathematics) (1971) and its School of Law (1974) (Juris Doctor; Law Review). She and her husband, Stephen Ross Green, Esq., are the parents of three adult children and reside in southern Butler County. Judge Lally-Green was rated "Highly Recommended" for the Supreme Court in 2003 and 2006 by the Pennsylvania Bar Association (PBA) and in 2006 by the Allegheny County Bar Association. [www.lallygreen.com](http://www.lallygreen.com)

**Mike Krancer:** Judge Krancer is a life-long resident of Montgomery County and graduated, with distinction, in 1980 from the University of Virginia. He lives in Bryn Mawr with his wife, Barbara, and children, David, Bayard, Christine, and Brooke. Judge Krancer is an active member of the Montgomery Bar Association (MBA), where he serves on its Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

## **Superior Court--Pennsylvania**

**Jackie Shogun:** Jackie Shogun lives with her husband, Jeff, and their three children in Murrysville, Westmoreland County. A graduate of Gateway High School in Monroeville, Jackie went on to Temple University to receive a B.S. in Nursing, summa cum laude, in 1975. She returned to school to obtain a Juris Doctor, with high honors, from Duke University School of Law in North Carolina in 1990. [www.shogunforsuperiorcourt.com](http://www.shogunforsuperiorcourt.com)

**Cheryl Allen:** Judge Allen is a life-long Pittsburgh resident and graduate of Penn State University and the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. Her professional career has been marked by a strong and consistent calling to serve Christ through public service. As a lawyer, Judge Allen was employed with such entities as Neighborhood Legal Services, the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, and the Allegheny County Law Department. Judge Allen earned a merit selection appointment to the bench in 1990 and has since been elected and retained by the voters of Allegheny County. She has received the highest rating from the Allegheny County Bar Association (Highly Qualified) and is the only Republican candidate to receive the highest recommendation from the PA Bar Association (Highly Recommended). [www.cherylallenforsuperiorcourt.com](http://www.cherylallenforsuperiorcourt.com)

## **Court of Common Pleas--Allegheny County**

**Joe Weinroth:** Of the 10 candidates for Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, there is only ONE REPUBLICAN candidate, JOE WEINROTH. Joe Weinroth has the legal experience (23 years practicing law), the integrity, and the common sense necessary to become an excellent Judge. On election day, May 15, 2007, PLUNK for JOE WEINROTH for JUDGE

## **County Council at Large--Allegheny County**

**Kevin Acklin:** Kevin Acklin is running for the At-Large seat on Allegheny County Council. A Pittsburgh native, Kevin is a lawyer with a downtown firm and is the father of two young sons. He is running to fight for lower taxes, to have more efficiency in County government, and to have better representation of our Republican values on County Council. Please call (412) 560-3366 or log on to [www.KEVINACKLIN.COM](http://www.KEVINACKLIN.COM) if you would like to help Kevin reform our government in Allegheny County.

## **Sheriff--Allegheny County**

**Ed Kress**

## **Board of Commissioners--Ross Township**

**Ward 3 Melissa Kerkan:** Melissa and her two children are life-long residents of Ward 3 in Ross Township. She attended Perrysville Elementary School and, after graduating from high school, earned her Associates in Science Degree at CCAC North Campus, where she currently holds the position of Senior Secretary. Two of Melissa's priorities are fiscal responsibility and wise use of your tax dollars.

**Ward 5 Grace Stanko:** Grace is currently on the Ross Board of Commissioners and chairs the Finance Committee. She is president of the Perrysville Historical Society and a founding member of the Perrysville Business Association. She promises to continue to monitor the Ross Township budget and respond to the needs of her constituents.

**Ward 9 Grant Montgomery:** Grant is also currently on the Ross Board of Commissioners. He is a diligent watchdog of Ross Township tax dollars.



## ROSS TOWNSHIP REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE ENDORSED SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES

### Electing our School Board Candidates is Critical

Your vote for our Republican slate of School Board Directors is critical to the academic and financial performance of North Hills School District. The major issues facing the new board will require diligent evaluation and understanding of financial matters.

The first major issue involves changing the mentality of budgeting to conform to the restrictions imposed by Act 1 of 2006 -- Taxpayer Relief Act. Act 1 has drastically changed the funding of schools in Pennsylvania and has empowered the taxpayer to vote on budget increases that exceed a state-established "index," which approximates the rate of inflation. The index for NHSD for the 2007/2008 school year is 0.629 mils or 3.4%. Any budget increase above this level will require voter referendum. There are several exemptions to meeting the index; most of these are any increased costs related to pension benefits, health care, and special education.

With this in mind, the need for school board members to understand financial matters and their impact on academic performance is of utmost importance. Future trends show that expenses are rising faster than revenues; consequently, difficult decisions will have to be made. Board members trained in critical evaluation and the decision-making process are essential for excellence in academic and financial performance.

We believe that the educational background and work experience of our candidates qualify them to meet the challenges facing North Hills School District.

**Sam DeFrancesco:** Sam and his wife are 16-year residents of Ross Township. Their four children are all enrolled in the North Hills School District. Sam has a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering and a master's degree in Engineering Management. He was a member of the 2005 North Hills School District Budget Committee and was also a member of the Facilities Action Committee. Sam has been involved with soccer and baseball as a board member and coach.

**Denny Gsell:** Allow me to introduce myself. I am a Viet Nam veteran and a resident of North Hills School District for the past 12 years. I have served as a member of the Public Budget Committee for the past 6 years and have also served on the Tax Commission Study and the Northern Allegheny County Chamber of Commerce. I feel it is time to change the board to one that listens to the taxpayers of the district and really cares about the education of our children.

**Jeff Meyer:** Jeff Meyer has over 30 years of accounting and finance-related experience, including the past 10 years as an investment consultant. Jeff, a graduate of Duquesne University (B.S., Business Administration) and Penn State University (M.S., Accounting), holds numerous professional designations and licenses including CPA, CFA and CFP. As a current member of the school board, he has never voted in favor of a tax increase and voted NO for the most recent teachers' contract and the elementary schools project.

**Lou Nudi:** Lou is a graduate of West View High School and the Valley Forge Military College. He has an A.A. in Business Administration and a B.S. in Economics from the University of Pittsburgh. Lou served 7 years as an Army officer and is a Viet Nam veteran. Following military service, he spent 16 years with Westinghouse, where he worked in procurement, project management, sales, and marketing. Currently, he is self-employed as a manufacturers' agent for industrial fasteners, machining, and stampings. He has made several adversarial presentations to the school board relative to the stadium construction mismanagement, the superintendent's contract, tax-increases, and academic and financial performance.

**Ed Wielgus:** Ed has been a resident of the North Hills School District for the past 28 years. He has been married for 31 years to his wife, Marilyn. They have three daughters, two of whom attended North Hills K through 12, with the third daughter currently enrolled as a sophomore at North Hills. Ed has served on the board for the past 8 years. He is also President of the North Hills Foundation, which supports the students of the North Hills District. Mr. Wielgus is Senior Vice President/Chief Lending Officer of Merchants National Bank. Ed has never voted for a tax increase while on the board

# JUNE TARGETED FOR S-CHIP VOTE

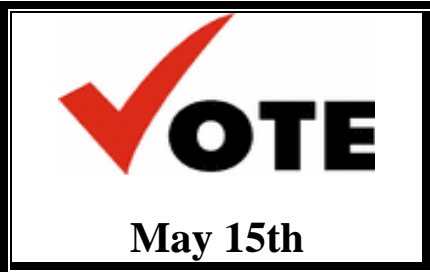
S-CHIP – State Children’s Health Insurance Program was established in 1997 to help states expand health care insurance coverage to children under 19, whose family income is at or below 200% of poverty level. S-CHIP expires this year, and reauthorization is under discussion in Congress. The goal of the program -- to make health care affordable for low-income families -- has been stretched to promote and provide confidential (without parental knowledge or consent) family-planning services that can include sterilization, contraception, and abortion. If this matter is of concern to you, the Ross Township Republican Committee is providing a declaration, which seeks your written support, to encourage lawmakers to specifically remove coverage of contraception, sterilization and abortion. Please visit our website at [www.rossrepublicans.com](http://www.rossrepublicans.com) for more information on this topic and to download a copy of the declaration.

## ON THE BALLOT THIS ELECTION: North Hills School District-Act 1 Referendum Question

“Do you favor the North Hills School District imposing an additional 1.0% earned income tax? The revenue generated from the increased tax rate will be used to reduce school district taxes on qualified residential properties by an estimated \$703.00. The current school district earned income tax rate is 0.5%.”

For more information, visit our website at [www.rossrepublicans.com](http://www.rossrepublicans.com) and click on the link to the North Hills School District.

RTRC Endorsed Candidates SLATE CARD (Can be cut out to take to polls)	
Office/Candidate	Ballot Position
<b>Supreme Court</b>	
Maureen Lally-Green -----	2
Mike Krancer -----	3
<b>Superior Court</b>	
Jackie Shogun -----	3
Cheryl Allen -----	2
<b>Court of Common Pleas</b>	
Joe Weinroth -----	7
<b>County Council at Large</b>	
Kevin Acklin -----	2
<b>Sheriff</b>	
Ed Kress -----	1
<b>School Board</b> (Vote for 5)	
Sam DeFrancesco -----	11
Denny Gsell -----	6
Jeff Meyer -----	9
Lou Nudi -----	10
Ed Wielgus -----	2
<b>Board of Commissioners</b>	
<b>Ward 3</b> Melissa Kerkan -----	1
<b>Ward 5</b> Grace Stanko -----	1
<b>Ward 9</b> Grant Montgomery --	1



## Ross Township Republican Committee Cookbook

The RTRC is putting together a cookbook of favorite recipes. The book will be printed and sold to raise funds for the committee. If you would like to submit a recipe to be included in the cookbook, please send it to Lori at the address on the top of this newsletter or email it to [loribaldini@msn.com](mailto:loribaldini@msn.com).

### HELP BUILD THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IN ROSS TOWNSHIP

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\_\_\_ I would like to volunteer to help political campaigns.

\_\_\_ I would like to become an Associate Member by contributing \$100 \_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_ \$10 \_\_\_ OTHER\$ \_\_\_

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