

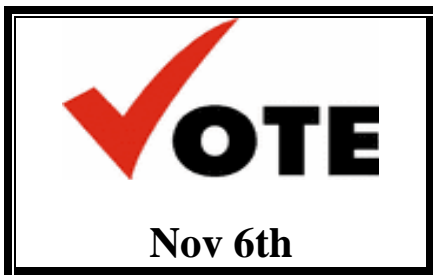
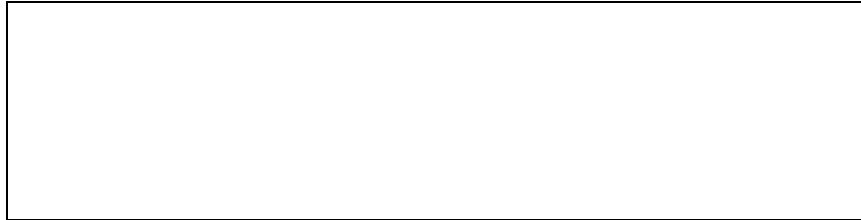


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Ross Township Republican Committee Cookbook

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.

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North Hills School District Encroaches on Home Values

At the September 24th School Board meeting, a presentation was made by the Strategic Planning Committee. Board members Al Barkley and Ed Wielgus recommended that the portion of the Strategic Plan dealing with *diversity* be eliminated and that the issue be addressed separately.

Mr. Barkley's recommendation was based on notes from the Strategic Plan Steering Committee meeting held on March 14, 2007, which stated that the *diversity* plan "...should be tied to curriculum at an early age since they (students) are most formative(age).>Can challenge home values as a teaching opportunity." Though not specifically stated, it can be inferred that the faculty would develop a curriculum that embeds *diversity* education in a manner that may contradict values taught in the home.

After further investigation by the Ross Township Republican Committee, the intent became very clear. The minutes of the *Diversity* Sub-Committee held on December 11, 2006, stated, "Concerns were raised about community dynamics that are likely to be resistant to change and would need to be overcome. A general consensus was that a "grass-roots" movement within the community is unlikely and that attainment of our goals might require the leadership of the school district."

In an apparent attempt to forestall anticipated controversy over these radical proposals, the board meeting video posted on the school

district's website was edited to remove the contentious portion of the meeting. Only after some school board members challenged that action at the following board committee meeting, was the original video restored. Please visit the RTRC website for a link to the video of the meeting – www.rossrepublicans.com.

Is it possible that our School District is headed down the "Secular Progressive" road -- a road leading to the creation of a socialist world where there is no religion, no morality, no family structure, and a society totally dependent on the government?

Situations like these emphasize the need to elect school board members who reflect your values and assure that the school's function is to educate, not to be surrogate parents. Please vote only for Jeff Meyer, Lou Nudi and Ed Wielgus to increase the probability of their being elected.

Quotations are taken directly from the Diversity Sub-Committee meeting minutes.

ROSS TOWNSHIP REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE ENDORSED SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES

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, academic and financial performance, and the diversity issue.

Ed Wielgus: See page 3.

Wielgus *For* **School Board**

As a current member of the North Hills School Board, I have never supported a tax increase. I have consistently supported fiscal responsibility and a “Tax Payer Bill of Rights” to be included in the district’s Strategic Plan.

I have been a strong supporter of traditional values and parental rights at the school district. I believe it is imperative for the parents to have a voice in their child’s education.

I am a founding member and President of the North Hills Foundation. This organization provides financial support to the school district to assist our children in their academic, artistic, and athletic endeavors.

My wife Marilyn and I have been residents of the North Hills School District for the past 30 years. Our three daughters have attended the district’s schools from kindergarten through 12th grade. I have 30 years of experience in the banking industry and will work hard to manage the district’s educational and financial programs in a responsible manner.

**With your help we can continue improving our schools.
I graciously ask for your support on November 6th.**

Ed Wielgus

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Election Board Sets Up Controversial Ballot Positions

Amid claims that limitations of the new voting machines are to blame, the county election board has set up ballot positions that give unfair advantage to some Democratic candidates in the school board and judicial cross-filed races.

At the writing of this article, there is a lawsuit filed against the election board to return to the original non-partisan and fairer system. Conversation with the manufacturer of the voting machines confirms that software could be developed to comply with a traditional ballot using distinct Republican and Democratic slates.

Since we are unsure of how the lawsuit will be decided, please take a little extra time in the voting booth to be sure to vote for our endorsed candidates.

JUDGE RETENTION VOTES

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The RTRC recommends that you vote as follows on the judge retentions: vote YES for Supreme Court Justice **Tom Saylor**, Superior Court Judges **Joan Orié-Melvin** and **Corry Stevens**, and Commonwealth Court President Judge **Bonnie Leadbetter**. We recommend a NO vote for all other judge retentions.

RTRC Endorsed Candidates

SLATE CARD

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Office/Candidate

Supreme Court

(Vote for two)

Maureen Lally-Green

Mike Krancer

Superior Court

(Vote for three)

Jackie Shogan

Cheryl Allen

Bruce Bratton

Sheriff

Ed Kress

School Board

(You can vote for five, but we recommend you vote only for these three.)

Jeff Meyer

Lou Nudi

Ed Wielgus

Board of Commissioners

Ward 3 Melissa Kerkan

Ward 5 Grace Stanko

Ward 9 Grant Montgomery