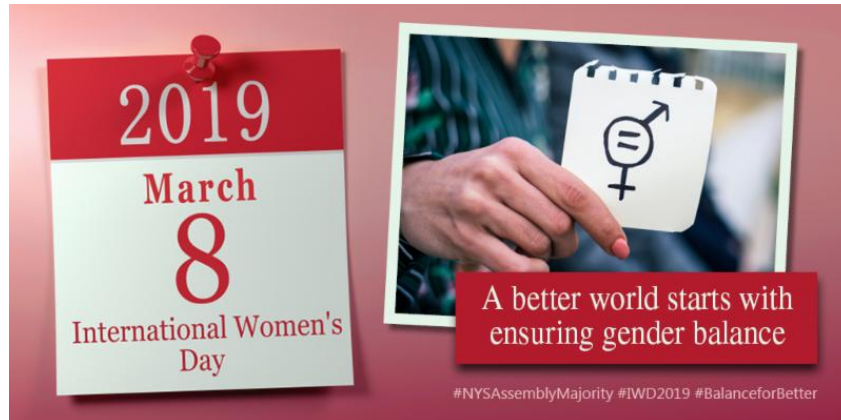


March 8, 2019

Rebecca Seawright



Dear Neighbor,

Today, March 8, is International Women's Day. The theme in 2019 is "Balance for Better." From grassroots activism to worldwide action, we are entering an exciting period of history where the world expects balance. We notice its absence and celebrate its presence.

Last night I was honored to host the Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony to honor women who live and work in the 76th Assembly District, and who are making a difference everyday.

On Friday, March 15 our office will host Rent Freeze Clinic with the New York City Department of Finance from 11:00am-2:00pm. Make an appointment by calling 212-288-4607 or emailing SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov.

If our office may be of service, remember that we are just a call, email or visit away!

Sincerely,

Rebecca



Visit our Website

In Our Community

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright's Statement in response to the investigation by the NYPD into a hateful act at the Asphalt Green Aquatics and fitness center in Manhattan:

"I am incensed by the discovery of swastikas cowardly scrawled on the walls of the Asphalt Green Aquatics and Fitness Center on the Upper Eastside of Manhattan. These attacks on a cherished community center, serving toddlers to senior citizens from all races, religions and backgrounds, are attacks on all New Yorkers. The investigation must include a focus on measures to deter such hateful, evil acts and my office is working with the NYPD and elected officials to ensure appropriate action. We will not be silent in the face of rising hate crimes throughout our nation. We stand with Asphalt Green Executive Director Maggy Siegel and the people of New York City in strongly condemning such disgraceful forms of bigotry and the depravity it represents." said Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright.

Seawright Celebrates with 2019 Women of Distinction



On Thursday, March 7, we honored women who live or work in the 76th Assembly District, who are making a difference every day with the Women of Distinction Awards at the Memorial Sloan Kettering Auditorium.

Assembly Member Seawright reflected on the importance of 2019 for women in New York:

"We are in the centennial of the women's suffrage movement leading up to the ratification of the 19th amendment. The passage of the 19th Amendment was not brought about by a singular event, individual, or group. Instead, it was women and their allies, working together for decades and spanning the turn of a century, who fought and won the constitutional right to vote. The right to vote is the only right explicitly granted to women in our federal and state constitutions.

In March, we celebrate women's history month to remind us that the fight is not over for women who have historically faced unfair barriers to success and economic security. Just last week, my Equal Rights Amendment to the New York

State Constitution passed the New York State Assembly and has been delivered to the Senate for a vote. The ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment must be a priority. By amending our state's constitution, we will address issues such as pay equity, workplace discrimination and promoting women in leadership roles. Parity for women should be the law of the land but we have a long way to go to ensure protections for women in our state and across the nation."



(L to R) 19th Precinct Neighborhood Coordination Officers Pappas, Murray and Wade receive their awards.



(L to R) Roosevelt Island recipients Jovemay Santos, Rossana Ceruzzi, Julia Ferguson, Jennilie Brewster, and Julia Abdurahman with Assembly Member Seawright.



Knickerbocker Greys from the Park Avenue Armory joined the celebration!

Seawright with Keynote Veterans Affairs Commissioner Loree Sutton, MD.



Roosevelt Island Girl Scout Troop 3001 took a break from selling cookies to speak to Rebecca about women and leadership.



East Side residents. Barbara (Right) is a dedicated Seawright volunteer.



Roosevelt Island Cornell Tech liaison Jane Swanson attending to support RI honorees!



Assembly Member Seawright buys her thin mints before they sell out.



Legislative Counsel Rebecca Graham, Director of Community Affairs Courtney Ferrissey, Chief of Staff Audrey Tannen, and Special Assistant- Community Affairs Jack Robbins at a screening of Sergeant York.

Our Chief of Staff Audrey Tannen has moved on to work with our State colleagues in representing the East Side with the Office of Senator Liz Krueger. We wish her all the best and look forward to our continued work together!

In Albany

Safe Firearm Storage Saves Lives, Promotes Responsible Gun Ownership

Gun ownership carries with it many serious risks and responsibilities. We've seen all too often the pain, heartbreak and devastation that follow after guns end up in the wrong hands, especially those of a child. When firearms aren't properly stored, the likelihood of unintentional discharge increases significantly, as well as the risk of them being stolen or used in a suicide. And yet, a study revealed that 4.6 million U.S. children live in a home with at least one loaded and unlocked weapon.^[1] All it takes is for one curious child to pick up what they see as a toy for another life to be taken too soon.

To better protect our families, the Assembly Majority passed legislation that would require gun owners to securely lock their weapons in an appropriate safe storage depository or use a device to render it incapable of being fired if there is a child under age 16 or an individual who is legally barred from possessing guns residing in the home (A.2686-A). Failure to do so would result in a class A misdemeanor charge for a first-degree offense and a maximum fine of \$250 for a second-degree offense.

This measure will also help reduce the incidence of suicide by firearms. The effect of safe storage on youth suicide is apparent in Massachusetts, the only state with a comprehensive safe storage law on the books. The youth suicide rate in Massachusetts is 35 percent lower than the national average, and guns are used in only 9 percent of youth suicides compared to the national average of 39 percent.^[2]

We build on the commitment of commonsense gun safety initiatives like the ones we passed earlier this year, including a new law that creates an extreme risk protection order (Ch. 19 of 2019). Additionally, a law we passed last year, the Domestic Violence Escalation Prevention Act, prohibits someone who has been convicted of a domestic violence crime from purchasing or possessing a firearm (Ch. 60 of 2018). We must

continue taking steps that curb senseless violence, while respecting the rights of law-abiding gun owners. Our efforts today strike that balance.

[1] ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/29748766

[2] lawcenter.giffords.org/gun-laws/policy-areas/child-consumer-safety/safe-storage

Parks Advocacy Day



Howard Axel, CEO of the Four Freedoms Park Conservancy Meets Assembly Member Seawright in Albany.



Constituent Robert J. Kafkin, Chair of GrowNYC leads constituent advocates in a

Upcoming Events



(Beginning at 2:00am)

2019 Parent Action Conference

Come spend the day with fellow parent activists, hear from state legislators, and help create an **ACTION AGENDA** to improve our schools!

CO-SPONSORED BY CLASS SIZE MATTERS, NYC KIDS PAC AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 2

Saturday, March 9, 2019
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.



Conference location:

THE PECK SLIP SCHOOL (PS 343)
1 Peck Slip
New York, NY 10038



CONFERENCE FEATURES

A panel of State legislators will answer parent questions and respond to our concerns.

YOUR CHOICE OF WORKSHOPS

- **SPECIAL EDUCATION** (English session & another in Spanish)
- **HIGH-STAKES TESTING**
- **CHARTER SCHOOLS & the NEED for MORE ACCOUNTABILITY**
- **CLASS SIZE and SCHOOL OVERCROWDING**
- **SCHOOL INTEGRATION**
- **STUDENT PRIVACY**
- **CIVIC ENGAGEMENT and HOW to RUN FOR OFFICE**



PLUS LUNCH + FILM SCREENING

In the afternoon, see the film; **TESTED** with us! The movie follows NYC public middle school students as they apply to a specialized high school.



RESERVE YOUR SEAT HERE:

<http://bit.ly/ParentAction2019>

A suggested donation of \$10 will help us cover the costs of lunch and the film, but you can contribute any amount. If you'd like a free ticket, please email us at: info@classsizematters.org

NEARBY TRAIN STATIONS

(Check the MTA for weekend service changes)

- ✓ = #2, 3, 4, 5, A, C, J, Z to Manhattan's **Fulton Street / Broadway-Nassau St.**
- ✓ = R or W to City Hall Station, or Cortlandt St. ✓ = #6 to Brooklyn Bridge



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**MONDAY, MARCH 11
THE STORY OF DR. ANNA
TJOMSLAND**

First woman intern at Bellevue Hospital, and served on battlefields of Vichy, FR with Bellevue Hospital Base Unit 1, treating over 60,000 Allies wounded during the War. Learn the story behind the story, for as a woman doctor, she had to sign on as a secretary to go with the Bellevue Unit, and was not commissioned until much later. Presented by Lilli Fehler.



**MONDAY, MARCH 25
ANNE MORGAN'S WAR:
L'AUTRE CHEMIN DES
DAMES**

In film and conversation, documents the work of Anne Morgan, youngest daughter of J.P. Morgan, and the American Committee for Devastated France in their efforts in raising awareness and funds here at home, and taking action over in France during and after WWI. Presented by Miles Morgan in partnership with The Morgan Library.



**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27
INVALUABLE TRAINING:
MURALIST HILDRETH
MEIERE PREPARES FOR WWI**

A presentation and discussion of the legendary Art Deco muralist Hildreth Meiere's involvement during WWI, serving in the United States Navy, on the Citizen's Committee for the Arts. Her artwork and murals will be included in the evening's portrayal of this East Sider's extraordinary life. Presented by her daughter Louise in partnership with the International Hildreth Meiere Foundation and the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden

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Tuesday, March 12 || 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Cornell Tech
Bloomberg Center
2 West Loop Road
New York, NY 10044

To RSVP call 646-220-1505
email: riseniorsa@gmail.com
or click below

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/diabetes-seminar-tickets-58146047393>

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1 out of 3 people have prediabetes.

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Instructor in Medicine at Weill Cornell Medicine

and

Rachel Stahl, MS, RD, CDN, CDE
Senior Clinical Dietitian, Medicine/Endocrine Services
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Fri.

3/15

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