

The Second Annual ThinkDIFFERENTLY Day at the Saratoga County Fair

Wow! Thank you to everyone who made our second annual **ThinkDIFFERENTLY Day at the Saratoga County Fair** a success. It is so important to remember that many of the things we take for granted are not always so easy for others. It was a beautiful morning for children and adults of all abilities to explore the great things the fair has to offer in a sensory-friendly environment. As my son Terry says, “Just because you have a disability, doesn’t mean you shouldn’t do all the things you love!”



It is an honor to play a role in hosting the ThinkDIFFERENTLY Day. I’d like to thank the Saratoga County Fair for providing a sensory-friendly environment for those who may have felt overwhelmed by large crowds, loud noises, and flashing lights. It is extremely rewarding to see such prominent organizations in our community embrace, support, and help to further develop events and activities for people of all abilities. I look forward to building ThinkDIFFERENTLY Day at the fair into an annual tradition for children and adults with special needs to enjoy for years to come.

More than 60 communities around New York State have adopted “ThinkDIFFERENTLY” resolutions to promote a supportive environment for residents with special needs.

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To learn more about the ThinkDIFFERENTLY initiative and how you can get involved, or to discuss any state matters, please contact my district office at (518) 884-8010.

What's Happening In



10th Caboose Day & Car Show

I stopped by the Caboose Day & Car Show in Greenfield, sponsored by the Greenfield Historical Society, to celebrate its 10th Anniversary. Having driven by the caboose and Kings Station so many times, I enjoyed getting a chance to tour both of them and speak with some of the people who did the restoration work. Of course, the free Stewart's ice cream, craft show, and antique cars and trucks were pretty great too.

Breaking Ground on the "Glenville Town Center James R. Buhrmaster Pathway"

It was an honor to join Senator Jim Tedisco and Glenville officials to break ground on the "Glenville Town Center James R. Buhrmaster Pathway." The new pedestrian trail will stretch along Glenridge Road from the intersection of Route 50 to the Woodhaven neighborhood. Once completed, this pathway will no doubt be traveled by residents and visitors of Glenville for years to come.



Sensory-Friendly Movie Showing of The Lion King

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the sensory-friendly screening of the Lion King in Clifton Park. It was a packed house. It was incredibly heartwarming to hear that some families were coming to the movie for the first time to try it out in a judgement-free zone, and that's exactly what we wanted to provide. We had people of all ages attend, including a little girl who was celebrating her fourth birthday with her sister, mom, and grandmother.

Celebrating Our Local Businesses

Congratulations to DiRad Technologies on 35 years in business in the Town of Halfmoon. DiRad provides communications solutions, including VoIP technology and helpdesk support, to numerous companies and government agencies. In 2014, the company became a woman-owned certified business; I am pictured here with Maria Massa. One of the best parts of my role as an assembly member is getting to know about all of the successful businesses in the 112th Assembly District, many quietly performing for years and years in what we all know is an inhospitable business climate here in New York.



Your Neighborhood?

The Perfect Summer Night

Nothing brings our community together better than free Stewart's ice cream (I was scooping the Mint Cookie Crumble) and music from the Union Fire Company Band. There were long lines of young and old, including my son, who surprised me by stopping by after his golf league. Thanks to sponsor BSNB, our village's original bank.



Toast to the TaTa's!

It was a beautiful night for the Toast to the TaTa's Annual Wine Tasting event at Village Pizzeria & Ristorante, which once again partnered with To Life! to raise money for breast cancer research and medical funding. I always love to support a great cause, especially when surrounded by great friends.

Red Roof Inn Ribbon Cutting

Here are some photos from the ribbon cutting in Clifton Park for the newly-refurbished Red Roof Inn, located on Fire Road right off Exit 9. Many thanks to owner Alan Schnurman for investing in our community, we were pleased to "roll out the red carpet" and welcome you.



Congratulations Ballston Spa's Varsity Boys Baseball team!

It was an honor to recognize the Ballston Spa High School Varsity Boys Baseball team for their outstanding season and state championship victory. These talented athletes proudly represented their classmates, school, and community every time they stepped out on the field. Congratulations to each of these young men, their coaches, and families for capturing such an outstanding achievement, the first time in 46 years, to be exact!

MARF Class 1805 Graduation

Congratulations to the MARF Class of 1805 upon their long awaited and well deserved graduation. This graduation was particularly special because this will be the last MARF class ever to come out of NPTU Ballston Spa. What a proud day for these sailors, their families, and the whole NPTU staff and instructors. The guest speaker at the ceremony was Admiral Caldwell, Director of the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program. Thank you for choosing to protect the freedoms of our great country.



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As your representative, I will continue to fight for real ethics reform, advocate on behalf of **New Yorkers with disabilities, work to protect small businesses, middle-class families and seniors, stand up for upstate values and support the importance of quality education for our children.** I have worked across the aisle to pass bi-partisan legislation, and understand the importance of working as a team to get the best results for New York residents. It is the greatest honor to represent you and I will continue to fight and advocate for what's best for our community.



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