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DEMOCRATS HOPE TO CAPTURE TWO SPOTS ON ALL-REPUBLICAN GOVERNING BODY

Councilman McClintock, Dr. Marks Face Mr. Lipstein, Mrs. Schwartz In Race for Two Open Seats on Scotch Plains Township Council

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This year in Scotch Plains, two Republicans and two Democrats are vying for two available seats on the Township Council, which has been all Republican since 1988. Polls will be open Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi's Office reported this week there are a total of 13,869 registered voters in the township.

The Republican candidates are Councilman William F. McClintock, Jr. and Dr. Martin L. Marks. Dr. Marks is running on the Republican ticket in place of Mayor Alan Augustine, who decided not to seek re-election this year in order to concentrate on his duties as a State Assemblyman, representing the 22nd Legislative District, which includes Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

Councilman McClintock, who served as Mayor in 1994, has been a member of the Township Council since 1991. He has been liaison to the Scotch Plains Fire Department, the Recreation Commission, the Shippen Golf Tournament, the Board of Health and the Youth Commission, and was Vice Chairman of the Scotch Plains Environmental Commission in 1986.

The candidate was also a member of the Scotch Plains Public Library Board of Trustees from 1991 to 1995, serving as President from 1992 to 1993. Married and the father of two children, he obtained his bachelor's degree from Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio and his master's degree from New York University. He is President of William McClintock Associates, a direct mail and consulting firm.

Dr. Marks, an endodontist at offices in Summit, Roselle Park and Union, has been a member of the Scotch Plains Planning Board since 1993. He is also currently a member of the Scotch Plains Master Plan

Committee and from 1992 to 1994 was a member of the Scotch Plains Environmental Commission. Since 1994, he has served on the Board of Managers of Runnells Specialized Hospital in Berkeley Heights.

The candidate, who is married and has two children, earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg, Virginia. He received his Certificate of Advanced Training in Endodontics from the Veterans Administration Medical Center in New York, New York, and his Certificate in General Practice from Booth Memorial Medical Center in Flushing, New York.

He was awarded his Doctor of Dental Medicine Degree from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in Newark, and was named Chief Resident of the Veterans Administration Medical Center Department of Dentistry from 1990-1991.

The Republican candidates have focused their platform on continuation of various programs and services which have been implemented in the municipality during recent years. Among these are the "Vision Plan" developed by the Master Plan Committee, in conjunction with a professional planner, for revitalization of the central business district.

The candidates also cited the new Senior Citizen Housing Facility in Scotch Plains; the acquisition of two new fire pumps and an aereoscope fire engine; the addition of two police officers through a federal grant and recreational facilities such as the Scotch Hills Country Club as examples of how the council has maintained a high quality of life in Scotch Plains.

Councilman McClintock and Dr. Marks have stated that the council has saved significant sums of money by aggressively pursuing state and federal grants and by entering into

interlocal or "shared service" agreements with other municipalities and Union County.

In addition, they have emphasized their collective experience in municipal government and volunteer service, noting that neither of their Democratic opponents has previously served on any government bodies.

The Republicans called a statement by the Democrats that Scotch Plains has the fourth highest property taxes in Union County "terribly misleading." The Republican candidates said that residents' tax bills reflect input from the Board of Education, Union County and the municipality, with the governing body only having control over the township's portion. Mr. McClintock and Dr. Marks asserted that the community's municipal tax portion, at 18 percent of the total tax bill, is the second lowest in Union County.

The Republicans stated that total property tax figures do not take into account local property values, remarking that Scotch Plains residents "enjoy a high average property value relative to most Union County municipalities...if you were to compare the municipal tax on a \$200,000 home in each of the 21 municipalities, Scotch Plains would have the fourth lowest rate in the county."

The candidates observed that Scotch Plains is also a "bedroom community" where more than 90 percent of the tax base falls on residential property owners, adding that taxes in the township are similar to figures for municipalities such as Fanwood, Summit, New Providence and Berkeley Heights.

The Democratic candidates for Township Council are Kenneth N. Lipstein and his running mate, Mrs. Barbara Schwartz. Mr. Lipstein is an attorney with a law practice in Cranford, has served as an Associate with law firms in Rahway, West Or-



William F. McClintock, Jr.*
Scotch Plains Council Republican
*Incumbent



Dr. Martin Marks
Scotch Plains Council Republican



Kenneth N. Lipstein
Scotch Plains Council Democrat



Mrs. Barbara Schwartz
Scotch Plains Council Democrat

ange and Succasunna, and was Of Counsel to Gutterman, Wolkstein, Klinger and Yohalem of Westfield.

During the 1980s, Mr. Lipstein also served as Deputy Attorney General of the Casino Prosecutions Section, Trial Section and Appellate Section of the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, in Trenton.

Mr. Lipstein was graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia. He received his Juris Doctor degree from Marshall-Wythe School of Law of the College of William and Mary, and received the American Jurisprudence Award for Torts. He was admitted to the New Jersey Bar Association in 1977.

The married father of two sons, Mr. Lipstein has lived in Scotch Plains since 1983, and serves as legal counsel to the Watchung Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He is also a member of several professional associations.

Mrs. Schwartz and her husband, Jay, the parents of two sons, have lived in Scotch Plains for 14 years. She is also a practicing attorney.

Mr. Lipstein and Mrs. Schwartz,

whose platform has been based on "new ideas and new leadership" for Scotch Plains, are calling for an end to one-party government in the township on the grounds that a two-party system will foster greater debate of the issues which impact Scotch Plains. The Republicans have countered that, at the local government level, voters' choices should be based on who is most qualified rather than their party affiliation.

The Democrats also favor having a directly-elected Mayor, as opposed to the Township Council's present practice of selecting one of its own members for what is generally a one-year term. They have noted that "a mayor chosen directly by the voters for a term of four years will provide the continuity of leadership and long-range planning which the people of Scotch Plains deserve."

The Democratic candidates have protested the Town Council's recent decision to amend its zoning code, which they claim will lead to "zoning erosion" by allowing structures up to two-and-one-half stories to be built without rear yard setbacks, and have criticized what they charge is the council's failure to halt apart-

ment conversions in secondary structures. The Democrats predicted that

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Clarification

In a front page article on the Scotch Plains Candidates' Night Forum in *The Times* last week, a statement regarding a paid fire department for Scotch Plains should have been attributed to Republican Township Council Candidate, Dr. Martin Marks, who was questioning whether this was part of the Democrats' platform.

The Democratic Council Candidates, Kenneth N. Lipstein and Mrs. Barbara Schwartz, have said they only used the reference to a paid department as an example of services not rendered in Scotch Plains. In fact, they assert, municipal taxes are so high. They, however, are not advocating a paid fire department. Also, in reference to putting garbage collection within the township's payroll, the candidates have said they support putting the service within the township's municipal budget through an annual bidding process so it can be used as a tax deduction to save taxpayers money.

REPUBLICANS SEEK TO RETAIN STATUS QUO, DEMOCRATS HOPE TO BOOST MAJORITY

Councilman Jung, Mr. Kline Face Mrs. Tighe, Mr. Wells in Race Tuesday for Two Available Seats on Fanwood Borough Council

By SUZETTE STALKER
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Fanwood voters will head to the polls on Tuesday and elect at least one new member to the Borough Council, which is currently split 3-3 between Republicans and Democrats. Two Republican and two Democratic candidates are vying for two open seats on the governing body, one of which became available after Republican Councilman Andrew J. MacDonald opted not to seek re-election this year.

Polls in the borough will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Fanwood Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue; Children's Specialized Hospital on South Avenue; Terrill Road Bible Chapel, 535 Terrill Road and the Fanwood Memorial Library at North Avenue and Tillotson Road.

Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi's Office reports there are 4,696 registered voters in Fanwood.

The Republicans are seeking to maintain a two-party government in Fanwood, while the Democrats are seeking to gain two more seats on the council. A double Democratic win would leave only one Republican member, Councilman Dr. Chester R. Lindsey, on the governing body. The Democrats, with Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly, currently have a 4-3 majority, with the Mayor serving as tie-breaker.

The Republican candidates for Borough Council are incumbent Councilman Louis C. Jung, who was first elected in 1993 and is seeking a second term on the governing body, and his running mate, Stuart S. Kline. Mr. Kline is mak-

ing another bid for a council seat after having lost in last year's race.

A resident of Fanwood for 22 years, Mr. Jung was a member of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education for 12 years. He served twice as Vice President of the school board and three years as its President. The candidate has been council liaison to six boards and commissions since being elected, and has served as Public Works Commissioner for the past year. He is a member of the Fanwood Republican Club.

Married and the father of two children, Mr. Jung was graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a Bachelor of Science Degree and a Master of Science Degree in Civil Engineering. He has worked for 21 years in Engineering, Super-



Russell Wells, Jr.
Fanwood Council Democrat
*Incumbent



Mrs. Christy Tighe
Fanwood Council Democrat



Stuart K. Kline
Fanwood Council Republican



Louis C. Jung*
Fanwood Council Republican

vision and Government Affairs with Exxon Corporation, and is a member of the governing board of the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church in Fanwood and of the Fanwood Old Men's Softball League.

Mr. Kline, a practicing attorney in Fanwood and Westfield, has lived in the borough for seven years. He is President of the Fanwood Republican Club and the Union County Republican Club, and is also a member of the Fanwood Lions Club and the Fanwood Parks Renewal Committee.

The married father of two received his Master of Business Administration Degree from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York and his Juris Doctor degree from Rutgers University in New Brunswick. In addition to his law practice, Mr. Kline has worked in corporate finance at Johnson and Johnson and AT&T.

The Republican candidates maintain that a two-party government promotes a greater opportunity for discussion and debate of issues which affect the community. Among their chief platform topics has been property taxes in Fanwood, which the candidates maintain could be controlled through increased use of surplus and a zero-based approach to developing next year's budget.

The Republicans have recommended that Fanwood's governing

body take the lead in helping to attract new businesses to the community through such measures as reviewing zoning ordinances which may be overly restrictive.

Mr. Jung, noting that neither of the Democratic candidates has previously held any publicly elected positions,

stated that if both Democratic candidates were to win, half the members of the council would have one or no years experience. Councilwoman Karen M. Schurtz, a Democrat, was elected to her first term on the governing body last year.

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NO MORE BOOH TUBE...Second-grade students from Coles Elementary School in Scotch Plains show their enthusiasm during "Turn Off Your T.V. Week" held October 21 through 27 sponsored by the New Jersey Children's Museum. Children participated by signing a pledge card and listing alternative activities they planned to do. Mrs. Kristin Santin, and Miss Jennifer Murphy are especially proud of those students who chose to take part. Pictured are Mrs. Santin and Miss Murphy with the second graders that participated in "Turn Off Your T.V. Week."



MAKING A DIFFERENCE...Scotch Plains Mayor Alan M. Augustine, left, and New Jersey State Senate President Donald T. DiFrancesco, right, were among the officials who attended last Sunday's National Make a Difference Day Walk-a-Thon sponsored by the Resolve Community Counseling Center, Inc. Prizes were given out to walkers who handed in the most pledges. Senator DiFrancesco wore a New York Yankee's cap the day after the team won the World Series.