

**Tom Quinn for State Rep
165th District of Pennsylvania**

We Can Do Better

“I owe my success to having listened respectfully to the very best advice, and then going away and doing the exact opposite.”

- GK Chesterton

April 1, 2007

Support My Campaign!

There is a new energy in Delaware County and we can send a new representative to Harrisburg from the 165th. I need your help to do it. Please contribute now at

<http://www.actblue.com/page/quinn165>

To compete we need all the support we can get. Join my campaign and together we can bring change to Harrisburg.

Bill Adolph and PHEAA

Bill Adolph is my likely opponent in next year's election. He has been in Harrisburg too long and his role in the scandal surrounding PHEAA is a prime example of that fact. I had a letter published in the Springfield Press and the Delaware County Times addressing Adolph and PHEAA and the article can be viewed at

http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=18132431&BRD=2549&PAG=461&dept_id=514258&rfti=6

The abuses of PHEAA are why we need new voices in the legislature. State government is not about the entitlements of the people who are selected to serve. There needs to be a foundation of trust between the voters and who we select to represent us. Mr. Adolph violated that trust and the time has come for a new voice in the legislature from the 165th.

Democratic Convention

This month saw the annual Democratic Convention held at Paxon Hollow Country Club. Each of the six candidates for county council spoke and all of candidates are well qualified candidates who can bring a new perspective to our county. The convention brought together 300 committee people from the party and further demonstrated the new strength and vitality of the party in the county.

St. Patrick's Day

This month I had the pleasure of marching in my first parade as the annual Springfield St. Patrick's Day Parade was held on March 10th. It was my honor to march with Congressman Joe Sestak, along with Ed Kelly – candidate for Commissioner in the 1st Ward in Springfield – and Rocco Polidoro – candidate for County Council. It was a beautiful day and it was a thrill to see the crowd. The highlight for me was when our 4 year-old, Nate, came out of the crowd to walk the last few blocks with me. He is a born campaigner as he took a flag from Mr. Adolph who happened to be riding in a car in front

of us. Nate waved the flag and yelled, "Vote for my Daddy!" as we walked down Saxer Avenue.

Ceasefire PA

I had the chance to sit down this month with Diane Ebril of Ceasefire PA. Her group has been working to see that the Governor's one gun per month bill at least get a vote in the general assembly. In a year when Philadelphia leads the nation in homicides it is unbelievable that sensible gun regulations will not even be discussed. For more info you can go to <http://www.ceasefirepa.org/>.

Radnor and Marple Newtown Committees

I attended the committee meetings for both the Radnor Democrats and the Marple-Newtown Democrats and came away impressed with the quality of all the candidates and the level of commitment of the committee people. Times are changing in Delaware County and the people at the committee level are the reason why.

Mostly I have spent this month talking to people and thinking about the issues that we face. I was amazed to learn that the state only covers 7% of the school costs in the Marple-Newtown School District. Thirty years ago this number was near 50%. The state has given our schools more mandates while leaving them alone to raise taxes the only way they can through property tax increases. This year's referendum only provides a tax shift and demonstrates that the legislature has failed to provide any real solutions to how to fund our schools in an equitable fashion and also how to provide relief to people who simply can not afford to see their property taxes continue to climb. The legislature needs to provide a reliable stream of revenue for schools and real property tax reduction. Discipline needs to be used to dedicate tax revenue from gaming specifically for what it was intended. Property tax reduction. This step will allow people to regain some faith in the legislature.

There are many issues and ideas out there for how to make our district and our state better. I ask for your input as I put together a platform and a plan on how to improve the 165th.

I am excited by what we have done so far, but there is much still to do. I invite you to join me as we move to change our government to make it more responsive to its citizens. We can win and provide a voice for education, healthcare and real government reform in Harrisburg.

Sincerely,

Tom Quinn
Democrat for the 165th