

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

We Can Do Better

“I do not belong to an organized political party...I'm a Democrat.”

- Will Rogers

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Support My Campaign!

Thank you to those of you who have contributed so far. Fund-raising is the most important thing for me now and every little bit helps. If you can donate please go to

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

We can and will win for the 165th with your help! This month was a busy one as I have embarked on what I am now calling the *Tom Quinn Tour 2007* meeting with various people in the party and State Representatives.

Meeting with Daylin Leach- PA 149

Early this past month I met with Daylin Leach, State Representative from the 149th District. Daylin ran some numbers and showed me how our district is trending in the Democratic direction and we discussed how an energized, well funded campaign could win the seat for the Democratic Party in 2008. He invited me to come up and meet with some people in Harrisburg and to come to a fundraiser he was having. After I found out I was not expected to meet the donation requirement myself I readily accepted!

Radnor Democratic Meeting

I continue to be impressed with the organization and commitment of the Radnor Democrats. Two contributors, Ed Kennedy and Mary Fran Ballard have been very kind and Jerry Gervasi has already proved to be an excellent sounding board and has offered to help as well. Radnor will continue to grow based on the strengths of their local candidates.

Springfield Democrats

This month saw the County Council Candidates come to the Springfield/Morton Democrats Meeting at the Springfield Township building. I was proud to see over 50 people in attendance as we heard from the Council Candidates as well as several judicial candidates. Our Springfield/Morton Newsletter was also completed thanks to the hard work of Ed Kelly, Nancy Baulis, Rebecca Kelly and Susan Quinn. This will be delivered to 3,000 registered Democrats and Independents throughout Springfield letting people know that Springfield is no longer a one party town!

Mr. Quinn Goes to Harrisburg

On the 25th I took Daylin Leach up on his offer and went to Harrisburg for his fundraiser. Afterwards I met with Rep. Todd Eachus of Hazelton. He and Daylin Leach are part of the process of the HDCC which stands for House Democratic Campaign Committee.

They decide which candidates to support in 08. I also met with Joseph Preston of Pittsburgh, Tony Payton of Philadelphia, Greg Vitali of Haverford, and Bryan Lentz of Swarthmore. Bill Patton from the Speaker's Office was nice enough to help me find my way as I had never been inside the capital before. All in all it was a productive day as I met many of the people who will decide which candidates will get full state support in the coming year.

Reform Commission

I was unable to attend, but I had the chance to provide a written statement to the Speaker's Commission on reform which I have posted on my blog.

<http://geocities.com/tomquinnforstaterep@verizon.net/blog.html>

We need to restore trust and confidence in government and we can do that by looking at the size of the legislature and drawing our districts in a way that is equitable to all voters. Young people especially need to believe that government will look out for their interests and reform is vital to making this happen.

Where We Stand

I was excited to meet the people I met this past month and to realize that my vision of victory in the 165th is shared by many. There is a real opportunity here. The opportunity affords us a chance to seek real answers in terms of health care as Pennsylvanians deserve a system that allows access for quality care to all of us. We also need to create a new definition on how to fund our schools and to increase the state share of education funding. Our environment also deserves better as many of our legislators receive contributions from oil companies and then decide on legislation that will call on all of us to use less carbon based fuels.

Most of all we need a change of leadership and a commitment to restoring public trust in our government. I can and will provide that fresh perspective to work for the issues we all care about and I will go there with a focus purely on the people I will represent.

We can and will win. Over the course of the next month I will be meeting with State Senator Connie Williams as well as Congressman Sestak and Congressman Andrews of New Jersey. I will continue to articulate to them the time is right for a change in the 165th. With your help we can make that happen.

Again I could use your support!

Tom Quinn
Democrat for the 165th