

President's Report

By Lorraine Zamora

It's just over two months since the passing of our beloved Cynthia Doty. On Sunday, Oct. 1, in honor of Cynthia, Three Parks held a memorial to remember her and commemorate her lifetime achievements. Thanks to the 'so many of you' who worked lovingly and tirelessly to make the memorial an event that Cynthia would have been proud of.

Special thanks to everyone who came to St. Michael's Episcopal Church to attend her memorial—family members, federal, congressional, state and local dignitaries, community organizations, and Three Parks Board and Club members—and to all those who spoke and performed so beautifully. It was deeply moving to hear speaker after speaker describe Cynthia's grace, wisdom and dedication to Three Parks, to the Upper West Side community, to progressive causes, and to making the world a better place! May her example continue to encourage and inspire us.

At the conclusion of the program, it was my pleasure to announce the establishment of the *Three Parks Independent Democrats Cynthia L. Doty Community Service Award* which will

presented at the Club's future annual gala benefits.

Now we must return to the business of choosing a Female District Leader. On Oct. 11, prior to our regular Club meeting, there will be a Divisional Assembly District Committee meeting for the 69th AD Part A. That Committee will take nominations to appoint a new District Leader to succeed Cynthia Doty. We also will fill vacancies in County Committee seats at that time. A formal notice of the meeting will be mailed beforehand to all County Committee members in our Part of the Assembly District. Thanks to District Leader Daniel Marks Cohen for his leadership in helping select a new Female District Leader.

This coming year, with its looming presidential, congressional and local elections, will be busy for Three Parks -- starting with the much-anticipated appearance of Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand at our Oct. 11 Club meeting. We hope you will join us in our efforts and keep Cynthia in your thoughts as an example of how to deal with the challenges ahead.

I look forward to working with all of you.