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**in Manhattan.**

**Don Barber**  
*for State Senate* ★

**June 25, 2008** (*Note: Date changed from June 24*)  
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

### **Hosts**

*Lew and Bobbie Frankfort*

*The Beresford, 211 Central Park West, adjacent to the Natural History Museum*

*Mr. Frankfort is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Coach, Inc.*

### **Honored Guests**

*Michelle Paige Paterson, First Lady of New York*

*Reggie LaFayette, Executive Committee Chair of the New York State Democratic Party*

### **Special Guests**

*List In Formation*

The Honorable Malcolm A. Smith, Democratic Leader, NYS Senate

The Honorable Eric Adams, NYS Senate, District 20

The Honorable Neil D. Breslin, NYS Senate, District 46

The Honorable Martin Malavé Dilan, NYS Senate, District 17

The Honorable Thomas K. Duane, NYS Senate, District 29

The Honorable Jeffrey D. Klein, NYS Senate, District 34

The Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senate, District 26

The Honorable Velmanette Montgomery, NYS Senate, District 18

The Honorable Bill Perkins, NYS Senate, District 30

The Honorable Diane J. Savino, NYS Senate, District 23

The Honorable Eric T. Schneiderman, NYS Senate, District 31

The Honorable Toby Ann Stevisky, NYS Senate, District 16

The Honorable Antoine M. Thompson, NYS Senate, District 60

### **Tickets**

Champion \$9,500

Leader \$5,000

Advocate \$2,500

Supporter \$1,000

Friend \$500



Don Barber announces solar panel initiative  
with Congressman Mike Arcuri.

**RSVPs by June 17** to Martha Robertson, (607) 539-3050 or [mrob@twcnny.rr.com](mailto:mrob@twcnny.rr.com), or by mail to Barber for Senate, P.O. Box 215, Brooktondale, NY 14817.

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# Don Barber for State Senate



## **Why should downstate Democrats support Don Barber's campaign in rural upstate New York?**

**Because Don will stand with downstate Democrats to fight for:**  
*Quality, affordable health care for all; Clean energy and green jobs; Sustainable economy;  
Public financing of campaigns; Fairer Taxes and School Aid Formula*

## **And because Don Barber CAN WIN!**

Don's district overlaps with four Congressional seats, all held by Democrats. In 2006 unaffiliated voters and Democrats represented 58% of the district's registration; since then new Democratic registrations have outpaced Republican recruits. In this "change" election, Don will take this seat!

### ***Who is Don Barber?***

- Lifelong farmer, successful owner of a construction company, and Living Wage Employer
- Six-term Supervisor of the Town of Caroline in Tompkins County (where Ithaca is the county seat)
- Engineer with BS and MS from Alfred University; past engineering manager for Corning, Inc.

Don's wife Rita taught public school for 20 years and worked at SUNY Cortland for 12 years. Don and Rita have three daughters.

Don is a **life-long environmentalist**; his testimony before the U.S. Congress helped protect the Finger Lakes. Under his leadership the Town of Caroline became the second municipality in NY to buy all its electricity from renewable sources. A hands-on problem-solver, Don was elected the **first Chair of the Tompkins County Council of Governments**. In that role he led the creation of a health care consortium of all municipalities in the county, to control the spiraling costs of employee health insurance by buying cooperatively. He is widely respected for his integrity and for getting things done!

### ***Who is Don's opponent?***

Jim Seward, chair of the Senate Insurance Committee since 2000, has personally blocked legislation that would require oversight of health insurance premiums. The result has been a 79% increase in premiums statewide on Seward's watch. While on the Energy Committee, Seward supported deregulation of electric rates; now our electric costs are second highest in the nation. Most of his campaign funds come from insurance and energy companies. Seward believes marriage should only be between a man and a woman. He voted against the minimum wage increase, against access to emergency contraception, and against requiring that insurers cover contraceptives.

### ***You can help Don Barber win!***

Please give generously to Don's campaign, and help to put the Democrats in the majority for the first time in 40 years! Go to the website, [www.barberforsenate.com](http://www.barberforsenate.com), to donate, or send your check to the address below. **THANK YOU!**

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