



### A Brief Interview with Retiring Senator Pat Vance

By Theresa Myers



State Senator Patricia H. Vance represents Pennsylvania's 31<sup>st</sup> District. Sen. Vance has been in the state legislature for over 25 years having served 14 years in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and in the State Senate since 2005.

#### **What got you into running for elected office in the beginning starting with running for Cumberland County Recorder of Deeds?**

I was already active in the community as a committeewoman before running for elected office. Also, I had purchased an old farmhouse and started to spend time in the Recorder of Deeds office to determine the age of the house. During this process, I discovered the Recorder was not going to run for re-election and decided to give it a try. The county had never elected a woman before then. I ran and won, and when the House seat became available, I ran for that. The same with the Senate seat.

#### **What are three traits you think are important for an elected official to have?**

The three traits I think are important for an elected official to have are integrity, ability to listen to constituents and knowledge of all subjects affecting the district.

#### **You have had a long career in state politics, what has been the most surprising thing about working at the capital?**

The most surprising thing about working at the Capitol is many of the staff have an incredible work ethic and knowledge of state government.

#### **You are a nurse. How do think being a nurse impacted your service in the state legislature?**

My background as a nurse has been very helpful in my service in the General Assembly, especially in chairing the Health and Welfare Committee. The ability to observe people has been invaluable.

#### **As you retire from elected office, what do you think are your major accomplishments?**

Hopefully, the help we gave to constituents, as well as legislation that has solved some of the problems they face, have been my major accomplishments.

Volunteers needed for Jubilee Day, July 16 in Mechanicsburg, to staff the Committee table and to help set up and tear down. Sign up on the Committee website. <http://www.gopccpa.org/jubilee-day.html>

# Chairman's Letter

By Greg Rothman

As long as I can remember, I have heard the clarion call in Novembers, “this is the most important election of our lifetime.” In a democracy like ours, I suppose every current election is more important than the last. 2016 is no different and “the most important election of our lifetime.”

Barack Obama promised to “transform” America and he has done much towards keeping this promise. Obamacare is as expensive, intrusive, and complicated as Republicans said it would be. Remember, not a single Republican member of Congress voted for it. The economy has been good for some, but most of America has been left behind.

Whether it be his Executive Orders or misguided foreign policy, America is in the midst of being transformed. The 2016 Election is our opportunity to halt the transformation and return to our roots of freedom, economic opportunity, limited government and foreign policy that puts America first.

The November election is also important as we help re-elect Senator Pat Toomey, who has led the Senate on fiscal responsibility and controlling spending in Washington. Cumberland County has two Congressmen: Lou Barletta and Scott Perry who deserve our support. We also have an opportunity to return a Republican to the Office of Attorney General with the election of Senator John Rafferty.

This is an “all hands on deck” election and everyone who wants to help will be put to work in the Fall Election. We are working with the Republican State Committee to train committee members, recruit volunteers and canvass voters in preparation for November 8<sup>th</sup>. I know I can count on all of you in the “most important election of our lifetime.”

Semper Fidelis,



Greg Rothman  
Chairman



## Featured Township: Hampden Township

Main contributor: Nate Silcox



Hampden Township, a Class 1 Township, has a population of 29,068 (2015) and sits in the northeast part of Cumberland County. It is the largest municipality in the county. Hampden has a labor force size of 16,000 and an unemployment rate of just 3 percent. The average household income is \$83,322 which is 35 percent above the average for the county. It has predominately homeowners at 79.35 percent compared to a national average of 64.93 percent. The Township has a high rate of college completion rate with 56.65 percent of the population having a college degree of associate's or higher.

Hampden Township is governed by a five member Board of Commissioners of which four are Committee Members (Al Bienstock, John V. Thomas, John Gaspich, Jr., and Nathan Silcox). The Township has 12 voting precincts. Hampden Township Republicans consists of the Hampden Township Republican Association that is open to Republican township residents and the Hampden Township Republican Caucus. The caucus is made up of Cumberland County Republican committee members who represent precincts in Hampden Township.

I asked Nate Silcox of the Hampden Township Republican Association what he thought were some of the best features of Hampden Township and why so many people want to live there. Here is his response:

“In 2011, the Patriot News summed it up best – ‘Hampden Township has the lowest taxes and offers its residents the best services in Central PA.’ My goal as a Township Commissioner and Republican Committeeman are to continue our three decade plus streak of not increasing our Property Taxes - as well as to provide additional offerings for our residents, such as our future Veterans Park. Hampden Township is located within the Cumberland Valley School District which offers just about every academic and extracurricular pursuit imaginable - while again maintaining one of the lowest property tax rates in Central PA.

Working with the business community and our residents, the Hampden Township Board of Commissioners has recently been able to attract new business entities such as the West Shore Hospital and two new shopping complexes - address traffic congestion with a new coordinated traffic signal project - provide for a comprehensive road re-paving project - and adopt an ordinance that will help spur redevelopment along the Carlisle Pike. There are no shortage of issues facing the Township like most municipalities, but Hampden Township has a professional staff, a fully accredited police force, and an incredibly dedicated volunteer fire company to tackle these issues head-on.

Hampden Township has had many great Republican Committee men and women who have worked hand-in-hand with the Board of Commissioners - serving as a valuable sounding board. The Hampden Township Republican Association, which I had the honor of leading for the past eight years - has been very proactive - annually holding a Petition Turn-In Party that doubles as a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser for area Boy Scouts - a Scholarship Dinner that raises \$3,000 in Scholarships for deserving high school graduates - a Primary and General Election Candidates Night Forum - a Summer Picnic which raises funds for our annual newsletter to residents - and a Holiday Reception that serves as a year-end event.

Over the course of the last decade Hampden Township has been well served by Senator Pat Vance and Representative Glen Grell in the General Assembly and we are looking forward to Mike Regan and Greg Rothman working with us in these capacities to help maintain our quality of life in Hampden Township and Central PA!”

Committee Members as of May 2016

Hampden 1: Jeffrey Becker and Lynette Morrell; Hampden 2: Charlie Gerow; Hampden 3: Tom Gaughen and Bobbye Gregory; Hampden 4: Al Bienstock and Majorie Blaze; Hampden 5: Erik Hume and Claudia Williams; Hampden 6: Stephen Miskin and Beverly O’Neill; Hampden 7: Jamie Keener and Laura Lukunich; Hampden 8: Ross Cleveland; Hampden 9: John Thomas and Judith Thomas; Hampden 10: Nathan Silcox and Tracy Iepere; Hampden 11: Charlie O’Neill and Sherri Zimmerman; and Hampden 12: John Gaspich, Jr. and Ann Gaspich.

References: <http://www.cumberlandcountysites.com> (accessed May 3, 2016);  
<http://www.hampdentownship.us/> (accessed May 3, 2016)

## Upcoming Events

- Committee table at Jubilee Day, Thursday, June 16, 2016 in Mechanicsburg.
- Reorganization Meeting, Saturday, June 18, 2016 at Hampden Township Recreation Building Community Room, 5001 Hampden Drive, Mechanicsburg, 17050; business meeting at 10 am, training at 11 am and end around 12 pm.
- Save the date for the Fall Cumberland/Dauphine GOP Dinner on Tuesday, October 4, 2016. Details pending.

## Committee Member Contact Information

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