

Hillary Supporter Shifts to Obama

To the editor:

Did I vote for Hillary Clinton in the NH primary? Yes. Am I standing on the sidelines like a child who retreats from play when she doesn't get what she wants? No. Instead of focusing on what I could see of myself in Senator Clinton, I have broadened my perspective to connect with the vision I share with Senator Obama. Change begins with a shift in perspective, a realignment of cherished values with new opportunities and challenges. Barack Obama offers to lead us to a shift in national perspective that does not focus on our differences, but looks to what unites us. It will take consistent, patient, and articulate leadership to make a polarized people believe in themselves as a whole nation again. I've decided that gender is less important than a robust economy, that issues of race won't divide us any further in a world that is already so divided

by economic, religious, and social differences, that long-term stability in the Middle East will bring us more peace of mind than the superficial security we have now, that good sense is what makes experience valuable, and that age is just a way to measure how long one voice can make a difference in the way we face our national future. Mavericks solve problems by forcing change. Consensus builders use time and collaboration to evolve solutions. I don't want to be forced or patronized or made to feel embarrassed for our political system that we can only elect leaders by listening to those who pitch the most effective insults. Right now we need an approach that is both progressive and patient so that any healthy changes in our economy, security, global connections, and national perspective are measured and lasting. Barack Obama offers us the best chance to realize our national potential again.

Nancy Baker
Amherst

Our Work Has Just Begun

To the editor:

I want to thank all who voted in the primary election on September 9. In particular, I wish to express my gratitude to those folks who voted for me. Thank you also to the many people who have, over the past few weeks, supported me by posting lawn signs, contacting friends and issuing well-wishes.

Our work has just begun. I ask all voters in Hillsborough County District 6 to vote for me in the general election on November 4, 2008. I look forward to working with Governor Lynch as we grow our economy, preserve our environment and make readily available quality education for children and adults.

I am excited about the prospect of serving the communities of Amherst and Milford. I am fervently committed to being our voice in Concord. Please feel free to contact me about your concerns.

Sincerely,
Shannon Chandley
Amherst

Thank You for Your Confidence in Me

To the Editor:

I offer my deepest thanks to the Republican voters in Milford and Amherst for their show of confidence in me. Be assured that if I am successful in the November general election I will do my utmost to represent the citizens of our district. Maintaining a citizen friendly, fiscally responsible state government is vital if we are to secure a quality lifestyle and economy with good paying jobs for our children and grand-children.

My only sorrow is that my friend and Amherst Selectman, Brad Galinson, was not successful. Brad has a strong financial background and strong personal values; just the type of person we need in Concord. Please file away this thought and encourage him to campaign for the House of Representatives in two years.

Robert H. Rowe
Amherst

Vote for an Independent

To the editor:

I'm writing to thank all of the over 150 voters in Milford and Amherst who had the faith in my candidacy for State Legislator to sign over 150 petitions placing me on the ballot as an Independent in the upcoming general elections. Thanks to all of you I am now certified by the N. H. Secretary of State and will appear on your ballot as an Independent. I appreciate your continuing support in helping me to win in November bringing a much-needed non-aligned third party into the legislature.

Thank you all!
Peter Hansen
Amherst

Note Of Thanks

To the editor:

My expression of appreciation is due to you who expressed your confidence in me by casting your vote in the September 9 primary election. Because of your support I will be a candidate on the November 4 general election ballot to serve Amherst and Milford as one of your State Representatives.

I'd like to acknowledge everyone who encouraged me with your hand shakes and best wishes, welcomed my political sign on your properties, gave generous gifts of financial assistance, printed literature, served as advisors, and the Amherst and Milford Republican committees. In closing, my sincere thanks to you who took the time, braved the cold rainy day, and voted.

Robert "Bob" Willette
Candidate for NH House of Representatives
from Amherst/Milford Milford

Thanks and Now I Need Everyone's Help

To the editor:

I want to thank all the people in Mont Vernon who supported me during the days and weeks leading up to the September 9th primary, particularly those people who came out to vote for me. I finished in third place in the District behind incumbents Linda Foster and Jennifer Daler.

Now the real battle starts, and, once again, I ask for your help during the general election and through the next term. Our country is in crisis! Our financial institutions are crumbling before our eyes. Hundreds of billions of dollars have been drained from an already impoverished treasury to save the investments of the very rich. Make no mistake, when the crisis hits you & me, there will be nothing left!

NH is facing its own budget crisis. Tax receipts are way off. As the crisis deepens, this will only get worse. We need to perform triage on the state's budget and eliminate what we cannot afford any more. At the same time, we need to strengthen programs that invest in the future. You need someone representing you who has experience making difficult decisions. As an executive in the Navy, private industry, and the state government, I have proven my ability to do more with less. As Executive Director of the NH Industrial Research Center, I helped create over 3000 good jobs in NH at a cost to the state of just over \$1000 per job! As chairman of the Navy & DoD space experiments committee, I was the key decision maker deciding which space technologies went forward. With annual costs in the many billions, I withstood heavy lobbying efforts from aerospace companies to do what was best for our country.

I will represent everyone in District 4, regardless of your hometown or party affiliation. I hope that you will keep an open mind and consider casting one of your votes for me on November 4th. Finally, I need everyone's help. You can contact me now or in the future at D4REP@comcast.net. Working together, we can see our way through this crisis!

Gratefully,
Dr. Henry Mullaney
New Boston

"Four for 4" Seeks Your Support

To the editor:

Thanks to all who voted in the September 9th primary and a special "thanks" to those who supported me with their vote. The choices for State Representative appear near the bottom of your ballot. Those elected to this office are, however, the first and front line for addressing your issues, the needs of your town, and our state.

As your State Representative, I am proud to have worked with Gov. Lynch to protect our environment, to expand economic and educational opportunities, and to make our communities safer. The national economic downturn coupled with the decrease in federal dollars present significant challenges and complex decisions for our Governor and our Legislature. I believe that we can balance our budget while continuing to ensure and secure the health, welfare and safety of our citizens.

Some say that politics is a "contact sport;" but, I know that civility, cooperation, collaboration, and teamwork produce results. I also know that policy enacted in Concord affects our everyday lives. That knowledge makes my pledge to you very simple. I will listen to you, do my homework, and do my best to make good decisions for our families and our future.

I urge all to participate in the democratic process and vote on November 4th. We often take for granted the right that others are fighting for. Make sure to mark your ballot for every elected office. Remember, we no longer have "straight ticket" voting.

Every position is important and your vote counts. I and the "Four for 4" team (see www.HillsboroughFourfor4.com) look forward to your support in the general election.

Sincerely,
Rep. Linda T. Foster
Hillsborough District 4
Lyndeborough, Mont Vernon, New Boston, Temple, Wilton

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edges of American culture with contemporary short story writers from Canada, Mexico, and Native America, our discussions may help us better understand our neighbors as we face the unknowns of shifting geo-political maps.

In the winter, we will enjoy the elemental, sensory qualities of poetry. Color, shape, texture, aroma, rhythm, and melody—all invite us to know the poem as a memorable presence, to which we can return again and again. "Poems from the Shorelines" (January 7, January 21, and February 4) will emphasize the pleasures of reading poetry, along with the power of language to shape perception, much as the ocean sculpts the shore.

Spring will come with "Essays at the Crossroads" (March 4, March 18, and April 1). The contemporary essay, also called "creative non-fiction," is an exciting collage of genres, much like the ecotone: in biology, "a transitional zone between two communities," where diversity

makes new life happen. Like an ecotone, the "new" essay can host a rich array of forms: letter, memoir, anecdote, poem, history, science, theology, myth, music, and visual art.

In addition to reading, participants will also have the opportunity to attend three writing workshops (November 12, February 18, and April 15), "spin-offs" from each series. Exercises are designed to engage active, aspiring, or simply curious writers. It is helpful, but not mandatory, that writing workshop participants attend at least one discussion session in that genre.

Facilitator Emily Archer has designed this series in consultation with Ruslyn Vear, head of reference. Emily holds a doctorate in American literature, is a published writer, and has led humanities discussions and writing groups for over fifteen years for numerous New Hampshire libraries, schools, churches, and medical communities. She lives in Mont Vernon with her family.

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