

"Change for Delran's Future"

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Kolodi replaces Porreca as Ward 3 Candidate

Gary Catrambone, Democratic Municipal Party Chairman, today announced that Patty Kolodi, a former Teacher of the year at Delran High School and 35 year Township resident would replace Robert Porreca as Ward 3 Council candidate.

"Due to family and demanding work obligations, Bob realized that he could simply not devote the time, energy and passion necessary to campaign and serve on Council at this time. Patty was unanimously approved by the Delran Democratic Committee on September 9, 2010 to replace Porreca and we are so excited to have her," said Catrambone.

A history teacher, Patty brings an unparalleled enthusiasm and love of country to class, often telling her students that she wants to vote for one of them some day and that if the opportunity arises, to step up and take an active role in their community.

When asked to be the new candidate, Kolodi said, "How could I say no?" "I love this community and believe that we all can make a difference", she added. "I think it is wonderful that my candidacy, guarantees that on January 1st, 2011 there will again be a woman on Town Council in Delran."

"I am honored to be asked to run for Council and will work very hard to get our message of cost cutting, consolidation and team work out to my neighbors in Ward 3," said Kolodi. "I am looking forward to working with my running mates, Councilman Tom Morrow and Candidate Mike Schwartz. If successful, I look forward to serving with Mayor Ken Paris and Councilmen Gary Catrambone and John Moran."

"Patty embodies all the traits you hope to find in a candidate for public office, and more," said Mayor Ken Paris. "She is a volunteer for "Operation Smile", Vietnam Veterans, International Health Care endeavors. Patty is an outstanding high school history teacher and longtime Delran resident. Patty is the best of the best and Ward 3 residents are going to be extremely fortunate to have her fighting for them on Council."

Patty's bio is attached below.

Patty Kolodi

Council Candidate for Ward 3

- History Teacher at Delran High School
- DHS Teacher of the Year in 2009
- Active Volunteer for Operation Smile
- Active Supporter of Vietnam Veterans
- Active International Health Care Volunteer
- 35 Year Delran Resident
- Member New Jersey Education Association

I have lived in Delran since 1975. My husband, Bill, who is retired from his job at UPS, and I moved to Ward 3 in 1987. While this is only my 4th year teaching at Delran High School, I already feel that I have connected with the students. As a 35 year resident, I was already connected to the community.

I am proud to say that the course that I created in the 1980's, covering the Vietnam War, is still being taught. *According to an article in the New York Times, "Mrs. Kolodi's course is taught throughout South Jersey, where teachers from neighboring districts ask for copies of the curriculum and veterans in the area have come to depend on their invitation to the classes to address the students."**

Teaching Volunteering By Example

My work as a volunteer with Operation Smile took me on 5 medical missions to Vietnam. I worked as a support person and brought high school students on each trip. As an International Health Care Volunteer, I was privileged to serve on 2 medical missions to Ghana. Again, we brought high school students on each mission.

After September 11th, working with the staff at the Mount St. Joseph Academy, I reached out to Ladder 5, Engine 24, Battalion 2 Fire Station in New York City and organized the students' adoption of the station, the firemen and the families of those lost in the attack. The years of memories and the interactions with those men has changed my life and the lives of the hundreds of students involved.

At my previous employers and at Delran High School, I organized the Greyhound Walkers Club. This group of volunteer students and parents regularly go to animal shelters and spend the day "walking the Greyhounds".