

Harvey Kliman Announces for Mayor of Hamilton

Sometimes one's life path offers interesting and wonderful opportunities. Meeting and marrying Debbie Sill, a native of Hamilton, was for me the top one, lasting 49 years so far. I paid long visits to this village over the years while we lived in Chadds Ford, PA and I worked as a researcher at DuPont for nearly 30 years. After Debbie's mother died and we retired, we chose to move back to her family home on West Pleasant St. in the village.

Hamilton feels like my real home; I love its lively community, friendly welcoming people and four season climate, even this winter! I have decided to run for the position of Mayor of the Village because I want to help Hamilton move into the future.

Experience in government is important to being a Mayor. I served as Township Supervisor in Chadds Ford PA for six years after serving on Zoning and Planning Boards for 14 years. In Hamilton I have taken responsibility in community organizations, serving at various times as President of the Hamilton Club, member of the Village Master Plan Committee and the Airport/Airpark Commission, President of the Southern Madison Heritage Trust, Secretary of the Chenango Canal Association, member of the Upstate Institute Community Board, the Village Symphony Committee, and the Town Comprehensive Plan Committee, and as a volunteer driver with SOMAC.

I am an innovator, due to my scientific background and logical approach to problem solving. I am an organized person, but not an "organization man" which means I favor innovation in and streamlining of organizations not expanding them.

As Mayor, I would work with Colgate as appropriate, but would be independent of it. Close cooperation is a necessity to keep our common interests aligned for the benefit of both village and college. But as Mayor, Village interests would be primary for me. My life is full and busy; I have no personal need for any power that goes with being mayor, but would take on this responsibility because I believe in good government. If elected, my job would be, with the trustees, to oversee (not micro-manage) the excellent village staff.

You will have opportunities to ask me about my positions on current issues as we move toward the June 16 election. For now, allow me to say that I would bring to the mayor's office independence, experience, and transparency. My commitment is to the well-being of our village and its citizens now and in the future.

I have agreed to be nominated at the Democratic caucus in late April and as soon as the Board of Elections allows, I will pass petitions for nomination by an independent party. I hope you will support and vote for me.

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