



Village Independent Democrats
26 Perry Street
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Ellen Peterson-Lewis
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Dear Ellen:

You are precious. We haven't told you that often enough, though you have never missed an opportunity to let us know *our* importance. Seven years ago VID honored you for your "lifetime of community activism and enduring love of the Village," but we feel the need to refresh our admiration.

You are a dutiful, devoted supporter of progressive agendas, elected aspirants and leaders – personally and through Village Independent Democrats.

Your many years of service to VID include decades on the Executive Committee, elected office, campaigns, and most generous financial support. You have been ever-present for petitioning, campaigning, demonstrating...when it has been easy and when it has not.

It was your funding and forceful advocacy that gave VID a contemporary website and social media presence at a time when membership and funds pointed toward extinction. Today, membership has never been higher nor has VID been more followed. This year we have attracted over 174,000 visitors viewing 1.69 million pages. You gave us the platform for VID to do its work and spread its words.

You have led the fight for our environmental stability, from development along the Hudson, to pipelines from New Jersey into high population areas of New York City. Your extremely well documented draft legislations and testimonies on excessive pollution, sound levels, toxic abatements have fashioned a new level of standards in construction and development. You have devoted years of service to the CB#2 Environmental Committee.

You were the driving force and principle funder of "Our Streets Our Lives," which secured NYC legislation to ban loudspeakers on open tour buses and later to alter the routes they took through residential neighborhoods.

You have championed the West Village Houses protecting them from storm damage; you have served the Board of Friends of LaGuardia preserving their Gardens and its iconic statue; you generously supported medical science at the Weill Cornell Medical Center.

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Integral to your many visions is your admiration and support of art as an intellectual necessity. Years of steadfast devotion to emerging and emerged artists from the East Hampton Art Council being just one example. As a Board member and benefactor to Compagnia De' Colombari you have promoted and funded theater representing American voices and special performances in prisons.

As a friend you are also precious. Your advice, solicited and unsolicited, guides our causes, lifts our spirits, comforts us in our challenges. We are ever proud to have you among us.

Most Sincerely,

[signatures of all present]

Kean Berger - with admiration and love -

Anne Heaney

Art Farmer - with regards!

Irene Kaufman

Rachel Levine - with gratitude and deepest respect

Janine Harding

Billy Grace Pira

Gen Hoppe

(thanks for your support, Ellen ♥)

Ed Gauthier

Thank you for the example you have set for other young women who want to get involved w/ the party & live a life of service. *Ed*

Thanks for all you gave to VID + our community. We love you + miss you. Katherine Wolpe



- Thank you for your ~~hard~~ hard work!

- DAVID SIEPERT

- Thanks for everything - aka

- Hi this is Lino, you were one of my 1st friends when I reached the Village. Thank you for your inspiration, kindness & knowledge

We love you Ellen! ☺

Thank you for all your amazing work. - John Bredin

There are familiar faces that I look for... I always expect to see you at VID... it's a comfort & a joy to see you - & thanks for that Bike! - I am sorry it was stolen! You are the best! Sharon Workins

Thank you for all you've done

Love-Fran Boskin

Positive thoughts + lots of love

Arthur Schwartz

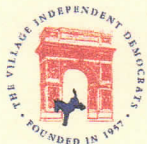
Thank you for all your years of dedicated service and for Paving the way on progressive issues.

-Benjee

THANK YOU SO MUCH
ALL BEST
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All of our best wishes & love goes to you, Ellen - I didn't know you well or long but really appreciated your positivity & will miss you very much

Love
Kathy
Shawille



Thank you for all
you've done!
Allison Stowell

Dear Wonderful Ellen, Thank-you for being you & keeping us up to date
& included on all the good works you have done for QV&VID*
- Mary Petretti

Dear Ellen, You were one of the first people I met in
VID and a great influence on my political life.
I am so blessed to have had such a terrific
friend, neighbor and mentor!
much love, Bruce Heyman

DEAR ELLEN

IT WAS GREAT SEEING YOU ON MONDAY. IT
BROUGHT BACK SUCH FINE MEMORIES. YOU ARE
A GREAT FRIEND & A WONDERFUL HUMAN BEING.
STAY WELL.

Love & Long Hefner



To my cherished mentor,
Abson Greenberg

With timeless admiration,
Karin Coonrod

There is no tribute that can express
how much you have given to our
friendship and our endeavors.
Freeda Bradlow and Ann Helen Warner