

## *Campaign 2009*

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Dear Friends,

What a year it has been! The 2009 Maryland General Assembly session was a near-calamity for the citizens of Maryland. From the passage of a **State budget that increased spending by \$1.2 billion** during a deep recession, to the passage of a **statewide speed camera bill**, to **forcing State employees to join a union and pay union dues**, to passage of a host of **anti-business bills** too numerous to mention, to allowing illegal immigrants to continue having the privilege of a Maryland driver's licenses for another six years..... there was not a whole lot of positive news to report from Annapolis.

The one-party monopoly in Annapolis continues its juggernaut. However, we did manage some rather notable victories, including the defeat of an onerous bill that would have significantly increased the power of the teachers' unions when bargaining with local school boards, as well as the demise of a provision in the early voting bill that would have raided the voluntary citizen contributions to the Fair Campaign Financing Act. Many other bad bills were defeated in committee. The Republican minority in the House of Delegates **plays an important role** in constantly questioning, probing, and spotlighting duplicity and corruption, and always forcing the Democratic majority to be accountable for its actions and votes.

No one does a better job of this than my special guest at our June 23<sup>rd</sup> fundraiser, our distinguished House Minority Leader and my good friend, **Delegate Tony O'Donnell of Calvert County**. Tony has led the Republican Caucus ably and effectively for the past three years. As we in the beleaguered minority are fond of saying, "We may lose most of the votes, but we always win the debate." As I've said many times, you would be proud of our members who stand up on the House floor -- as well as in their respective committees -- and effectively represent our sensible, mainstream conservative values of fiscal discipline, limited government and personal responsibility.

On the home front, the Frank family is busy on all fronts. Mary Jeanne has earned a promotion to Unit Manager at Stella Maris, and will have much more regular hours going forward. Weekends off are a rarity for a registered nurse! Kathleen just completed her sophomore year at the University of South Carolina, and has made the Honor Roll each of the four semesters. Meredith graduates from Maryvale on June 5<sup>th</sup> and will be attending the University of Maryland-College Park this fall as part of the *Scholars Program*. She was also named an Archdiocese of Baltimore Distinctive Scholar, one of the top three graduates from Maryvale. And Michael graduates from Immaculate Conception School on May 29th, and will attend Calvert Hall in the fall. He received the Sacrament of Confirmation earlier this month, and has also been named to the All-Star team for the Lutherville-Timonium travel baseball team for the sixth straight year. (Most people brag about their family in Christmas cards; I do it in campaign letters!)

I do hope you can join us on Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> for this very important fundraiser. We really need to gear up for an always-competitive general election in the 42<sup>nd</sup> District, and we always appreciate your financial support. By supporting my campaign, you are helping to strengthen a viable two-party system, which is critically important to the future of our great State of Maryland!

Sincerely,  
Delegate William J. Frank

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