

COMMITTEE PERSON OF THE WEEK: RAY D'AGOSTINO



When did you become acquainted with the Republican Committee, and why? I was first introduced to the Committee not long after taking the position of West Lampeter Township Manager in the early 2000's by Immo Sulyok, the former Chairman of L-S Area Committee. Immo met with me to discuss my thoughts on the needs of the community with regard to elected and appointed officials in the township. I really appreciated the fact that the local Committee was there to help find qualified candidates with particular skill sets and experiences important to the functioning of our local government. I became more involved with the Committee when my neighbor and friend, State Representative Scott Boyd, asked me to take over for him.

What values do you believe are essential to the Republican Party, and how do those values affect your views on the upcoming presidential election? Being a social and fiscal conservative, the values that are essential to me include: limited (but effective and efficient) government, freedom of faith, sanctity of life, support for the traditional family, low taxes by ensuring that government focuses on its core functions, prosperity and security, and ensuring that we continue to be the land of opportunity. There is only one party that consistently supports these values, and that is the Republican Party. It is imperative that we, as a Party, do a better job during this election cycle of espousing conservative ideas by supporting candidates that have accomplishments and showcase these values in action.

How long have you lived in Lancaster County, and what characteristics of Lancaster do you appreciate and admire? I have lived in Lancaster County for 25 years. I consider Lancaster my adopted home and love this community. I truly admire our way of life here, our unique blend of agricultural, urban, suburban and rural lifestyles. Lancaster is special because of our hard work ethic, our friendliness, our family values and respect for life, our never say die attitude, and our ability to work together to solve problems.

What is your current occupation? I am currently the CEO of the Lancaster Housing Opportunity Partnership (LHOP).

What activities do you enjoy participating in during your free time? I love spending time with my family, traveling, cooking and reading non-fiction novels and biographies about early American history.

Is there anything else that you would like people to know about you? I have a wonderful family: a wife who is a teacher in the L-S School District, a son who is a junior in college and a daughter who is a senior at L-S High School. I served proudly in the military, retiring after 22 years of service: 8 years in the U.S. Navy Reserve (Seabees) and 14 years with the PA Army National Guard.