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From the Editor

Suggesting to the *Ellenville-Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce* Board and the *W.Net* Committee that we feature the 2003 Village Elections as the central focus of the March issue — and even consider taking ads from the candidates or parties — caused some eyebrows to be raised noticeably.

A *Chamber* director later remarked that “the *Chamber* is NOT political.” Well... yes... of course. The *Chamber* (and *Wawarsing.Net*, too, by extension) should not, must not, and will not endorse candidates, take sides, or base any of its decisions on partisan political considerations.

But, if local elections are too important to simply ignore, shouldn't it be possible to present unbiased and balanced information to help the voters make their best decisions?

Yes, admittedly, it would be a tightrope act, and success would depend on our absolute even-handedness. First, each candidate must receive an identical questionnaire in a timely fashion, and must respond to only those questions. Answers could be as short or long as desired, but we'd reserve the right to edit overly long or off-topic replies. Also critical: identical-size photos; strict alphabetical order; no more than one page for anyone; equal opportunity to place ads (ads we could reject, if they violated decorum, or our mandate).

If we did our job right — i.e., no complaints, everyone pleased, and the voters getting what they needed — perhaps when the idea to cover School, Town, or County races is raised later, the eyebrows will NOT be!

So, please let us know how we did on this one!

We have usually (and mostly serendipitously) had themes weaving through each issue, beginning with the cover art, which then led, e.g., to the commissioned historical articles. (Did you notice that trees have been in *every* cover to date? Hmmm.) Now that we're getting some traction, we can look ahead and set up some *planned* theme issues *months* in advance, the better to entice writers and advertisers!

April: Fishing, Gardening

May: Shadowland Theatre, Memorial Day

June: Golf (Already have a piece on the *lost* Cragmoor CC)

July: Ice Caves/Sam's Point/Hiking Trails/Independence Day

August: Harvest/Blueberry Festivals

September: Back to School

October/November: Hunting (Elections? *See above*)

These are still tentative suggestions, and much depends on how much material is submitted to us in time. Please check out the writers' guidelines in the February issue, or call with your ideas. Advertisers, please take note, too!



Cover: *Village Hall-Municipal Building, Ellenville, Town of Wawarsing, Ulster County, New York, USA. An untitled portrait has hung just outside the Mayor's office for years. Now, thanks to contributing historian Marion Dumond, the man's identity is finally revealed! Read the feature article on page 22 to discover WHO can rightly be called the "Father of Ellenville"!*

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