



Sue Cummings

1. Susan D. Cummings

- 2. for Ulster County Legislator, District 1
- 3. Republican; plus Independence and Conservative lines
- 4. I have served as County Legislator for the past 18 years
- 5. I work for State Senator John J. Bonacic as his Ulster County liaison.
- 6. My husband John and I just celebrated our 36th anniversary. We have one daughter, Jennifer.
- 7. We have lived in the Village of Ellenville for 26 years.
- 8. I serve on the School-to-Work Partnership Board of Directors; member, Board of Directors, Ulster County Development Corporation; Noonday Club; Ellenville-Wawarsing Fourth of July Committee; Ellenville Regional Hospital Auxiliary; Ulster County Women's Republican Club

- 1. I hope to continue representing the residents of District 1. This is a responsibility to which I am truly dedicated.
- 2. I am the first woman to chair the powerful Ways and Means Committee. I feel it was the respect I have gained from my fellow colleagues in the legislature that made me their unanimous choice to serve as Majority Leader. This makes me the first woman in Ulster County selected for this position and the first legislator from Wawarsing to serve as Majority Leader.
- 3. Continue to promote tourism and continue to maintain the level of services we provide and respond effectively to emergencies while holding the line on taxes.

- 1. Economic development has always been a high priority for the entire legislature. We strive to create new, higher-paying jobs by attracting new business, and retaining and expanding existing business. The Kingston/Ulster Empire Zone offers exciting and numerous benefits to businesses that wish to expand or locate in Ulster County.
- 2. We must continue to petition the state to take over the Medicaid costs. New York State is the only state that charges counties 1/2 of the state's share of Medicaid costs. This is a cost that we can not control and counties simply cannot afford.
- 3. The best way to attract and keep businesses in our areas is to make them feel "Welcome" and provide the necessary infrastructure.
- 4. My long-term goal to cut taxes would be to have New York State take over the Medicaid costs to counties and eliminate the "temporary" sales tax increase.



Gerry DePew

1. Gerald DePew

- 2. for Ulster County Legislator, District 1
- 3. Republican; plus Conservative line
- 4. Ulster County Legislator (currently); Wawarsing Town Supervisor (1994-97); a Kerhonkson Fire District Commissioner
- 5. Retired, from NYS Department of Correctional Services
- 6. Married, two children, four grandchildren
- 7. I have lived in Ulster County my entire life. Graduate of Kerhonkson High School; AAS degree from UCCC
- 8. Elks Lodge #171; Masons F&AM 582; Life Member of the Kerhonkson Fire Co.

- 1. I am running for Legislator to continue working for the betterment of District 1 and Ulster County.
- 2. I have an excellent working knowledge of budgets having served as supervisor and chief financial officer of the Town of Wawarsing from 1994-97. I believe I have listened to the District 1 residents and my voting record shows that.
- 3. I will continue to attempt to hold the line on raising taxes and promote economic development while maintaining services to Ulster County.

- 1-2. I will strive to have the state lower social service mandates, which are 38% of the county budget and service a very small percentage of our population.
- 3. I believe we can attract businesses to Ulster County and the Town of Wawarsing by working together – county, town, village – to make this area a clean, safe, and friendly place to do business.
- 4. We can do this with inter-municipal agreements – cut wasteful non-essential spending and learn to do more with less.



A 1903 elevation marker... once very public, now hidden away. Details in a future issue.



Theresa Hyatt

1. Theresa M. Hyatt

- 2. for Ulster County Legislator, District 1
- 3. Democrat; plus Independence line
- 4. Village of Ellenville Trustee (1989-91); Town of Wawarsing Councilwoman (1992-); Town of Wawarsing Deputy Supervisor (1995-96)
- 5. Accounting Assistant, Sullivan County Government Center, Office for the Aging Department
- 6. Married Jim Hyatt in 1986; two sons (Andrew 13, Tyler, 10)
- 7. Resident of Ulster County for 38 years, grew up in Napanoch; resident of Ellenville for past 21 years. Graduated Ellenville High School 1980
- 8. Noonday Club; Ellenville-Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce.

- 1. To make a positive difference in the way that our "end of the county" is represented in Kingston.
- 2. My reputation for addressing my constituents' concerns and getting back to them when they call. It may take time before I have an answer to the situation presented, and sometimes I have an answer you may not like, but I always get back to you!
- 3. To demonstrate my accessibility, leadership, and independent thinking at the county level. I will represent You in Kingston.

- 1. Short-term: making serious cuts in the county budget to keep taxes down. Review the county budget inside and out to take out "the fat" and have in it only what is absolutely necessary.
- 2. Long-term: the Casino issue. There are far too many questions and not nearly enough "concrete" answers. I think some of our current legislators are chasing a brass ring that could turn very rusty, very quickly; they put Kingston first before they remembered the district they represent, which is us, with little, if any, thought to the effects such a decision would have on our area.
- 3. It is very difficult to compete with malls. We have helped businesses in Wawarsing with PILOT programs, assisting them with funding from our revolving loan funds, etc. We have to urge local residents to shop locally whenever possible.
- 4. The budget needs some "weeding out." Things get left in just because they've been there for 100 years. I am a "pain" at budget time because I want to know where every red cent is going and why. It's time consuming, but I don't believe there is a more important function than monitoring how, where, and why our money is spent. We all work hard for our money and we shouldn't have to pay any more than necessary.