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Assemblyman Giblin recently honored volunteer Katherleen Anderson at Park Crescent Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in East Orange. (L to R) Administrator Christian Gianetti, Honoree, Katherleen Anderson, Assemblyman Giblin, and Volunteer Coordinator Grace Ann Kelly.



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KEEPING YOU IN YOUR HOME

The recent woes in the Mortgage industry along with an already soft real-estate market have left many individuals in danger of losing their homes. Whether you're a homeowner or a renter, Assemblyman Giblin wants you to know that there are things a homeowner can do to reduce this risk.

Homeowners

According to the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance, the first step is to contact a HUD counseling agency. For a current list of certified HUD counseling agencies, go to the HUD website- www.hud.gov/offices.

Avoid foreclosure scams such as:

"Foreclosure Specialists"- They promise to keep you in your home, but often don't. They are not licensed in New Jersey, they charge excessive fees, and they provide services that may not help you avoid foreclosure.

"Lease/Buy-Back Deals"- You're asked to sell your home for an amount equal to your mortgage, are allowed to stay as a tenant, and buy it back later. However, sometimes rent is exorbitant and the tenant can't afford to stay or the price on the buy-back option is set too high for the tenant to afford to purchase the home back.

Protect yourself:

Don't sign away ownership of your home without consulting a trusted attorney. Be suspicious of "Lease Buy Back" offers.

Never make mortgage payments to anyone other than the lender or servicer.

For more information, visit the Department of Banking and Insurance website:

www.state.nj.us/dobi/division_consumers/finance/foreclose_subprime.html
or Assemblyman Giblin's website www.Assmblymangiblin.com.

Renters

Enacted in 1974, the New Jersey Anti-Eviction Act protects residential tenants from losing their homes through no fault of their own. The act applies whether or not the tenant has a written lease. However, tenants must continue to obey reasonable rules to which they have agreed including:

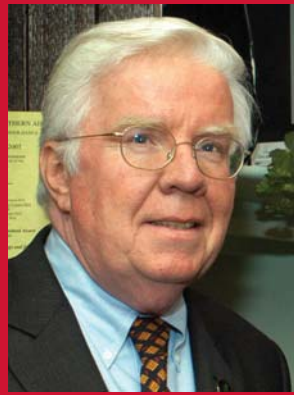
- Paying rent*
- Respecting the peace and quiet of their neighbors
- Avoiding willful or grossly negligent damage to the property

*In the event that the new landlord is unknown, the tenant should put rent payments aside each month for future payment

Exceptions

The act does not apply to tenants of owner-occupied homes with two or fewer rental units; units set aside for developmentally disabled members of the owner's immediate family; and hotels, motels and guest houses.

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News from Assemblyman Thomas P. Giblin

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Dear Fellow New Jerseyans,

As you well know, our nation has come upon tough financial times and while many have already felt the sting of the mortgage crisis, stock market drop, and job market, there is hope.

You are fortunate to live in New Jersey, a state that has not stood idly by. We in the legislature have taken steps to ease the burden on our citizens. We have passed a relief package that will help those who are in danger of losing their homes and keep many employed

We've also tightened up laws to make sure that people won't take advantage of those who may be in need of help; to keep the financial predators who in part, are the cause of this mess, from continuing to act unscrupulously.

Inside these pages, you will find details of our actions and you will see for yourself there is much for which to be grateful. As always, if you have concerns or need help, don't hesitate to contact my office.

Best Wishes,

Thomas P. Giblin
Assemblyman - District 34



Assemblyman Giblin has long been a supporter of environmental issues and alternative fuel sources. Here, he takes a break while test-driving a hydrogen powered car. "The future is now," Giblin said.

Happy 85th Birthday to a New Jersey Legend!
Governor Brendan T. Byrne



Assemblyman Thomas P. Giblin and Former Governor Brendan T. Byrne in April 2009.

LOOKING OUT FOR YOUR HEALTH

Imagine being gravely ill and having nowhere to turn. The closing of many healthcare facilities in New Jersey has made that nightmare a reality for many; that's why Assemblyman Giblin recently took part in a recent "Health Care Action."

Since he became an Assemblyman, he has seen more than 6 hospitals and other health care facilities close.

"It's important for individuals to have a place to go, not only in an emergency but, for primary care as well," Giblin said, "When people don't have a place to go for routine medical care they wind up going without until there's an emergency. Not only does that drive up medical costs but, more importantly, it negatively affects the health of the individual."

The forum included input from health care providers who serve District 34 and the surrounding areas.

"It was a successful meeting," said Giblin, "while we found out that access to some local health care needs improvement, we also found out that there have been positive steps toward funding certain health care initiatives."

Giblin pointed to the expansion of New Jersey's affordable health care coverage program, NJ FamilyCare, which now requires coverage for all New Jersey children under the age of 18.

In addition Giblin praised the economic recovery package which will bring an additional \$90 billion to the state for Medicaid. It will also provide funds to pay up to 65% of COBRA payments for individuals trying to hold on to their health care coverage after losing their jobs.

"We've seen a lot of progress and that's encouraging," said Giblin, "we need to build on that progress and continue to change the face of health care in New Jersey."

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KEEPING JOBS IN NEW JERSEY

Continuing his quest to keep and bring quality jobs to New Jersey, Assemblyman Thomas P. Giblin toured a Clifton manufacturing facility. The trip to Meta-Lite Inc, the exclusive manufacturer of New Jersey toll booths, was meant to focus attention on the plight of industry in New Jersey.

"New Jersey has a rich manufacturing history, which has seriously faltered in the last 30 years," Giblin said, "We need to make sure there is an atmosphere here that not only keeps remaining manufactures but, attracts new ones as well."

Giblin spoke to Meta-Lite president Gene Coppola about some of the difficulties facing the manufacturing industry in New Jersey. These included not only high taxes but, expensive regulations.

"With the state of the economy, we need to move quickly to make sure that manufacturing jobs aren't lost," said Giblin, "It's not a good time to be unemployed"



Assemblyman Giblin Inspects a toll booth at a recent visit to Clifton based Meta-Lite inc.



Assemblyman Giblin delivers his remarks during the Worker's Compensation bill signing ceremony in Lyndhurst, N.J.

WORKER'S COMPENSATION BILLS SIGNED

Workers always knew they had an advocate in Assemblyman Giblin and recently he showed why.

Assemblyman Giblin was the Primary Sponsor on five bills which became law in October; these measures will comprehensively reform the Worker's Compensation Laws in the State.

"For more than a hundred years, a lot of blood, sweat, and tears has gone into ensuring workers are treated fairly," said Giblin, "it's important for us to make sure that we continue to fight for these rights."

The first law expands the authority of judges to levy contempt-of-court charges when lawyers and insurance companies refuse to comply with their orders.

Another law strengthens enforcement against employers who refuse to provide coverage.

The third law requires proof of coverage by employers as well as annual reporting requirements, while still another will require an emergency hearing when a worker is in need of doctor authorized medical treatment.

The final measure revises membership of the Compensation Rating Inspection Bureau and clarifies its authority.

"I think when a lot of people think about assets they think about houses and stocks, forgetting that people are our most important asset. This bill didn't forget," Giblin said.

GIBLIN HAILS A CLASSIC

Assemblyman Giblin has a great appreciation for the classics; Classical music, classical art, classical literature, and most recently, Classical Academy.

Giblin recently visited the Academy, a Clifton charter school, and presented Vincent DeRosa, the school's Head/Teacher and Founder, with a resolution honoring them as a winner of a "2008 No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon Schools Award."

The school, which opened in 1998, is the first in Passaic County to receive the honor since the award's inception 26 years ago.

"This is a special place, no doubt about," said Giblin, "This is only the third New Jersey charter school to ever win this designation. Something special is happening here."

The award was based on the school's Grade Eight Proficiency Assessment or GEPA scores. Students had a passing rate of 91 percent in language arts with both math and science passing rates even more impressive, at 94 percent. In addition, 53 percent had advanced proficiency

ratings in math and 54 percent in Science.

"Mr. DeRosa and the rest of the faculty and staff create a tremendous learning atmosphere here," said Giblin, "while they're honored to have this award, they're not surprised, they knew these kids were special."

Classical Academy serves 100 children in grades 6-8. It is the only public school in New Jersey that has Latin as a requirement. In addition, the school offers no non-academic courses. It concentrates its curriculum on liberal arts and humanities.



*Classical Academy Caption: Assemblyman Giblin presents a resolution to staff at Clifton's Classical Academy. The Charter school was awarded a 2008 National Blue Ribbon Award by the U.S. Department of Education. **Back Row: (LtoR)** School Head/Lead Teacher and Founder Vincent DeRosa, School Business Administrator, Magda DeRosa, and Assemblyman Giblin. **Front Row:** 7th Grade English teacher Georgette Mandarakas.*

GIBLIN WISHES TROOPS WELL

New Jersey's 150th Assault Helicopter Battalion left the State in February for pre-mobilization training in Fort Sill Oklahoma. On April 9, Assemblyman Giblin flew to Fort Sill as part of a State delegation to support those troops as they were deployed to Iraq.

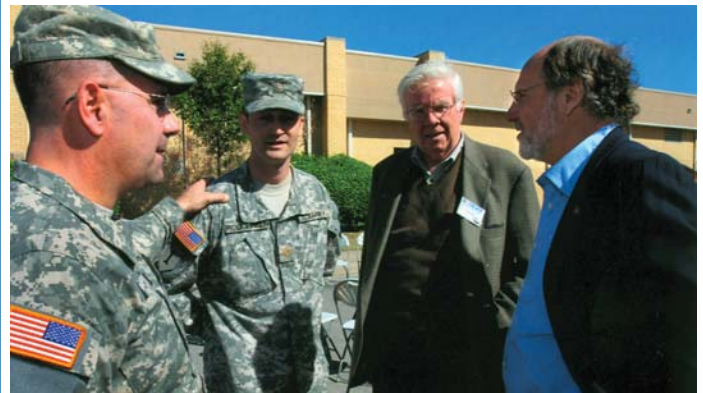
"It's important for these soldier's to know that the 34th District and the entire State are behind them," said Giblin, "Many of these men and women are serving second, third, even fourth tours of duty," he added. "It's not easy for these individuals to have to interrupt their daily lives and leave their families but they do it because they love their country."

In addition to visiting with the soldiers, Giblin attended the validation ceremony, which marks the formal end to the soldier's training.

"After meeting these men and talking to them, I know they're ready; and we'll be ready to welcome them home when the time comes," he said.

The 1-150th Helicopter Assault Battalion (AHB), which is comprised of 320 members and headquartered in West Trenton, was alerted in February 2008 for Aviation Combat missions in Iraq. In October and November they participated in two aviation training exercises at Fort Rucker, AL.

The 1-150th will be mobilized for 1 year, which began with the February training at Fort Sill.



Assemblyman Giblin at Fort Sill with (L to R) New Jersey Adjutant General Glenn K. Reith, Major Joseph Roughneen, and Governor Jon Corzine.



Performers from the Dance World Academy, located in Clifton, were recently honored by Assemblyman Giblin for their participation in the Shanghai tourism festival.

The girls, who range in age from 5-18 and practiced five hours a day for six weeks, were the only U.S. team at the international festival. Dance World Academy is located on Lakewood Ave in Clifton, NJ (973)772-4340.

The owner/Director is Donna Farinella.

REMOVING INSECURITY FROM SECURITIES

There's no doubt about it, people are worried about their investments these days. Savings and retirement accounts are dwindling under the weight of a heavy market. In this atmosphere, the last thing people need is an unscrupulous investment adviser.

While fraudulent securities sales people face a range of punishments, including suspension or revocation of licenses, Assemblyman Giblin thought that they needed to go further.

"Some of these guys lose their licenses and either continue to practice or just move onto another line of business after making money at the expense of consumers," said Giblin, "It's not good enough to allow someone to walk away from fraud, you've got to hit them in the pocketbook," he said.

Assemblyman Giblin Sponsored a bill to do just that—and hard!

The bill updates the "Uniform Securities Law" to include penalties; \$10,000 for a first offense and \$20,000 for each subsequent offense.

Giblin believes that these long overdue penalties will make a big difference in these tough economic times.

"We're not going to allow people to be cheated out of their life savings," said Giblin, "not now, not ever."



Assemblyman Giblin and Assemblywoman Oliver Present Paralympic sailor Rick Doerr with an Assembly resolution. Doerr, a Clifton resident, skippered his team to a 2007 IFDS Disabled Sailing World Championship and a win at the U.S. Paralympic Team Trials. The team has been ranked first by the U. S. Disabled sailing team for the past three years.