

THE **Lexington** **Democratic** **CLUB**

75th Anniversary

1949 – 2024



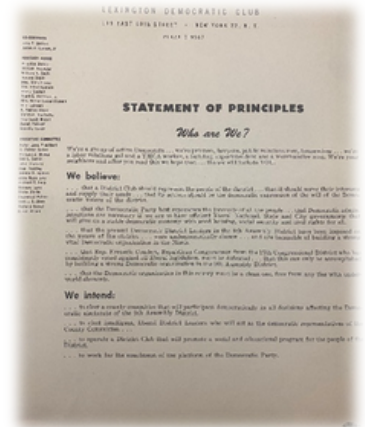
Message from the President



It is an honor to celebrate 75 years of the Lexington Democratic Club with you today!

On this anniversary, our club and our district are privileged to be represented by elected officials practicing true leadership in the best tradition of our party. Today, we recognize Council Member Keith Powers with the Linda Foa Memorial Award, in memory of our long-time District Leader whose dedication to the Lex Club continues to inspire.

The East Side hasn't always been so fortunate. In preparing for this reception, Executive Vice President Lynn Berger and I had the opportunity to visit the Special Archives at the New York Public Library to look through a collection of Lex Club records dating from the club's founding in 1949.



While our visit was limited to only the first five of the over 20 boxes in the collection, there were so many amazing finds: Photos of Eleanor Roosevelt addressing a Lex Club dinner! Digests from the early 1950s! Lex Club palm cards for Kennedy/Johnson! Many of these gems are displayed in frames around the room today.

In a 1949 **Statement of Principles**, Lex Club founders expressed that:

“A Club should represent the people of the district...that it should serve their interests and supply their needs...that its actions should be the democratic expression of the will of the Democratic voters of the district.”

It's easy to take such values for granted today, but the Lex Club was formed at a time when the Republican hold over the area was so strong that even Tammany Hall treated our district as a lost cause. A June 17, 1949 article in the New York Post Home News Magazine questioned, “Now why in hell would anybody want to start a fight in the Ninth” (the district number at the time)?

The Lex Club story is one of perseverance – unwaveringly running candidates against entrenched Republican incumbents and painstakingly recruiting volunteers through door knocking and individual outreach. Despite the long odds and tough territory, the persistent work of highly dedicated volunteers caused the membership roster to steadily grow.



By the 1960s, the club was hosting lavish fundraising dinners with long lists of distinguished guests, and proving to be a major Democratic force with influence well beyond its district's boundaries.

I left the archives inspired and even more committed to ensuring that the Lex Club maintains its tradition of delivering strong candidate support for local and key elections. I know firsthand that our hardworking, remarkable, and persistent members continue to embody the Lex Club's proud history of perseverance, as much this year as ever.

But in November, I want to look back and know we did everything we could to fight greed, corruption, ignorance, antisemitism, racism, and sexism to ensure the right leaders are elected all across the country. I hope that when our successors are planning the 150th Anniversary of the Lexington Democratic Club, they will look back on our efforts and feel the same pride I felt that day in the archives.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you.

Vanessa Aronson

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Congratulations to the Lexington Democratic Club on 75 years of outstanding service to the Upper East Side and New York City! A sincere thank you for your friendship and support along the way.

-Council Member Keith Powers



Congratulations to the
Lexington Democratic Club
on its
75th Anniversary!

And Congratulations to Honoree
Council Member Keith Powers

Thank you as well to the President, the officers, and executive
committee members of the Lex club and the entire club
membership.

I very much appreciate your friendship and support
working together on my re-election and the entire
East Side Democratic Ticket from the 73rd Assembly District.



ALEX BORES

— STATE ASSEMBLYMEMBER —

**I am proud to support the
Lexington Democratic Club!**

**It is an honor to represent
the 73rd District in Albany,
and I am grateful to have
the backing of this vibrant
and historic club.**





Heather L. Bain,
Lexington Democratic Club
Vice President
&
Candidate for State Committeewoman,
73rd Assembly District

Salutes the evening's Honoree,
City Council Member Keith Powers
and
Congratulates the
Lexington Democratic Club
on its 75th Anniversary!

Our Work Together has NEVER been more important!!

Congratulations to the Lexington Democratic Club and
to this year's honoree, Council Member Keith Powers



State Senator Jose M. Serrano, proudly representing the
29th Senate District



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....for your unwavering support and tireless efforts in promoting our shared Democratic values across the East Side and throughout the city.

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Council Member Keith Powers
as well as to the
Lexington Democratic Club
on its 75th Anniversary!

**Heartfelt thanks to
Council Member Keith Powers
for his dedication and
service to our community!**

**Cheers to 75 years of the
Lexington Democratic Club!**

**Thank you to all for continuing its
incredible legacy!**



**Reid, Vanessa, and
Levari Aronson**

**Congratulations to the Lexington Democratic Club on
the 75th Anniversary**

and our honoree
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