

Teitelman choir to sing national anthem in New York

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Cape May Star and Wave

ERMA - The Richard M. Teitelman school's seventh and eighth grade choir has been selected to sing the national anthem and a patriotic song called, "Stand Up America," at Citi Field in New York, where the Philadelphia Phillies will play the New York Mets on May 28.

The event was designed to honor the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Two-hundred students, mostly from Connecticut and New York, will be singing as a group before the game. Choir director Julie Heck said Teitelman was the only New Jersey school chosen to sing at the event.

Heck and her 40 choir students were given the opportunity to take part in the event after she met Dave Revels, who wrote "Stand Up America," and who will be conducting it at the ceremony. She said Revels has organized multiple musical events for many good causes, such as military veterans and Hurricane Katrina victims.

Heck became acquainted with Revels around two years ago after he performed at a concert in Atlantic City with

his former band called Coasters, Drifters, and Platters. She said the band performed the song and she asked Revels if there was a choral arrangement written for it that she could use in her choir group.

Soon after, Revels sent her the sheet music and has come to Teitelman for the past two years to conduct the choir when they've sung it in concert. After this event was organized at Citi Field, Heck's class was invited to participate considering their past experience with the song as well as the national anthem. Heck has had three choir groups perform at Phillies games, which were in 2005, 2007 and 2009. She said in the odd years they go to baseball games to perform and in even years, they go to a show on Broadway. Heck said she has taken her groups to see shows like the Lion King, Mary Poppins and Beauty and the Beast.

"They really enjoy the experience of New York and Broadway, but I really don't think they have a favorite between New York shows and Phillies games," she said. "They just love them both."

Heck said she would like the students to be able to meet the players one year when they perform at a game

but it hasn't happened yet. However, they did have a close encounter with pitcher Jamie Moyer at the last game and they always get a humorous greeting from the Philly Phanatic mascot.

She said they were invited back to sing at a Phillies game this year, but instead they have decided to go to the Citi Field event, where they will still get to see the Phillies play.

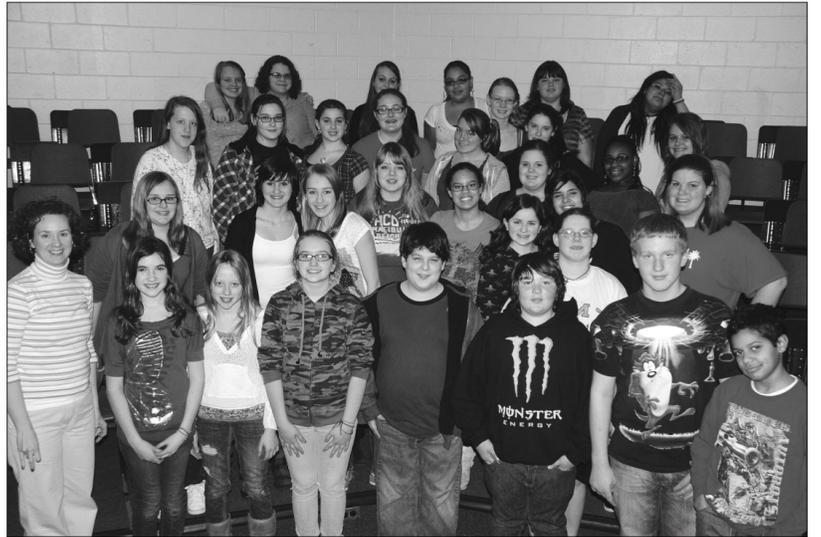
"The kids are really excited," she said. "We've been rehearsing everyday."

She said the eighth graders are the only ones that know "Stand Up America" so far considering they performed it last year, but she said the younger kids will definitely be ready by May.

This is Heck's 10th year as the chorus director at Teitelman and she said this will be probably the most exciting experience so far considering the circumstances. She said she heard the American flag that was flown at Ground Zero will be flown at the game and being the only New Jersey school chosen to be there is quite an honor.

"I'm not sure how I'll top this in years to come," she said.

She said the big difference at this ceremony will be not



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The Teitelman Middle School Chorus, directed by Julie Heck (far left, front) will perform the national anthem and another patriotic song at a game between the Phillies and the Mets at Citi Field in New York on May 28. The group has the distinction of being the only New Jersey school chorus selected for the honor. They will join students from schools in Connecticut and New York.

directing her own choir. At all the Phillies games, she conducted her students for the national anthem, but at Citi Field, Revels will be conducting since all 200 students will

be singing at one time.

Heck's choir group will be performing at their Inter-District Choral Concert on March 31 and is also scheduled to sing at the Cape May

Music Festival at the end of May, right before their trip to New York.

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of. Nobody settled a contract. They hid in the arbitration room and I wouldn't allow that," Ferus said.

Ferus said there's a mass exodus from New Jersey, 20,000 left in past ten years, 4,000 people left in Cape May County. Small businesses can turn things around and provide jobs to keep people in the state.

"I want to roll out the red carpet, not the red tape for small businesses," Ferus

said. Greto, a Lower Township resident, is a U.S. Army veteran and attended St. James High School in Chester, Pa. He attended Pennsylvania Military College to work in the real estate industry.

He said he felt compelled to enter the race based on the current economic climate and restore "fiscal sanity" to New Jersey.

"We have to send liberals like Jeff Van Drew back to where they came from. Jeff Van Drew is for more taxes and more regulation. He's choking our free enterprise. He must go and I'm the candidate to show him that exit," Greto said.

He said small businesses are hurting, and said 70 percent of those employed are done so through small businesses.

"I remember when hard

work was the norm. Now, it seems like all of the stimulus programs that Obama caused and all of the complacency that Mr. Van Drew has agreed to, it's causing high inflation. We have to get back to the America that had hope; people who believed that we were number one," Greto said.

A municipal attorney from Wildwood, DeWeese worked for former State Sen. James Cafiero. He became a municipal court judge and retired from the bench in 2010. He is the longtime Wildwood Catholic basketball coach.

DeWeese said although it's a "new beginning" for the Republican Party, he warned the party needs to set goals.

"I think that our future depends on smaller government; reducing taxes, reducing expenses," DeWeese said. "The deficit spending has

thrown us into an economic crisis. Fiscal responsibility is a must. We can't spend what we don't have. The tax and spend days are over."

He criticized Van Drew for not supporting Gov. Chris Christie's reforms and characterized state Democrats as being obstructionists.

"Our governor needs a Republican in the state senate to support these reforms," DeWeese said.

Walters, Stone Harbor's mayor for 15 years, said the county needs help at the state level, including true property tax reform, business and environmental policies. She advocated policies that could bring business to Cape May County.

"We must continue to bring businesses here. We have to work on our beaches and our bays. These are the reasons that people come here as

opposed to going anywhere else," Walters said.

Walters said the Democratic incumbents are "not doing us justice" in Trenton.

"We have to turn those seats Republican. We need Republican government in this state," Walters said.

Boyce, of Millville, is a businessman and operator of the Delmont Saw Mill. In 2008 and 2010 he ran for Congress as a Constitutionalist. Boyce said the Constitution is the foundation of the United States.

"Fresh breezes of Republicanism are blowing across America. That brash Democrat in the White House, pushing his socialist agenda has awakened the sleeping giant," Boyce said.

Boyce said if he's elected, he would introduce legislation to repeal, roll back and reduce regulatory burdens from small business.

"By restoring the liberty for small business to be able to

breathe again, they can prosper and new businesses will be born," Boyce said. "Entrepreneurs create jobs. Bureaucrats create more regulations and the enforcement of those regulations."

Fiocchi, a Cumberland County Freeholder, ran his family's irrigation business before retiring in 2009. He served on Gov. Christie's transition team and is a member of the Cumberland County Regular Republican Organization.

He said Republicans got three freeholders elected to the Cumberland County Freeholder board, adding it was no small feat in a county where Democrats outnumber Republicans 2 to 1.

"We need representation for the whole district. Frankly, right now we're not getting that," Fiocchi said.

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and Gabor 102 votes. Former Lower Township Councilman Stig Blomqvist received 90 votes and Villas resident Jay Young received 9 votes.

Morey, president of the Morey Organization, a family-operated amusement business based in Wildwood, said Cape May County should push economic growth and development.

Morey said Republicans should deliver "tangible, measurable results" for the county.

"We live in an environment in Cape May County where there's little promise for employment for young adults. It's a real problem for us. We haven't been working collaboratively as we could to make Cape May County a compelling place to live and visit," Morey said. "We're not growing."

He said he intends to take responsibility for finding solutions to the county's shrinking population and help develop a "culture of growth and improvement."

"The status quo is not a strategy. You might as well re-label status quo as no growth. The status quo is something that is dangerous and it suggests that things are good enough, that we can't grow, can't make these jobs happen," Morey said. "Ladies and gentlemen, we can grow. We are more than we can become. We can have a vibrant economy."

Gabor has a background in real estate and insurance. On

the Upper Township Committee, she is the director of Sports and Recreation, Animal Control and the co-director of Personnel.

Gabor advocated smaller government and increasing revenues through shared services while promoting the county as a premier tourist destination. She said the county should also find new industry for year-round career opportunities for young people.

"Our vision is to have a county government that understands the uniqueness of each municipality that is willing to work and listen and work with them, to guide them and be a voice to the legislative part of our state," Gabor said. "They will also make decisions that are in the best interests of the people and not in the best interest of themselves."

Gabor said she could govern as a freeholder, citing her experience in Upper Township's government and her professional life in the insurance industry.

"It's very important in my professional life that I listen to what people have to say and find a way to fix their problems. The same rings true in public service," Gabor said.

Cape May County Sheriff Gary Schaffer, who was unopposed, easily won nomination.

Ocean City resident Steve Gillian was chosen as Republican state committee-

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