

**Good evening fellow First Selectman
Herbst and fellow Republicans**

**I humbly accept your nomination for
Chairman of the Republican Party and
would like to thank Tim and Karen for
their very kind remarks.**

**Two years ago and I asked the members
of the Republican Town Committee to
start with a clean slate. I asked that we
work together and build a campaign that
would lay the groundwork for the
election this past November; The
Republican Party in Trumbull had just
experience a tremendous victory by
electing Rob Russo as State Senator in a
special election. I am proud of that
victory and proud that we had incredible
success and won back the First
Selectman's office.**

**Before I begin my comments tonight, I
must first thank my family especially my
wife Suzanne who is my source of**

inspiration. I would also thank my two boys Alexander and William who have endured countless hours of my giving up time in our home to volunteer for the Republican Party in an effort to make Trumbull a better place to live for everyone. I also would like to thank Tom Kelly and Karen Egri who both have been incredible help to me as Vice Chairman but also as two people I consider to be confidants and friends. I respect their judgment and advice and as Chairman, I am fortunate that they are involved in the Town Committee. Also, I would like to thank Recommendations Chairman and my predecessor, Dee Chiota Over the years Dee and her husband John have also become my friends and mentors and again I value their wisdom, experience. I would like to compliment Dee's incredible efforts in her role as Recommendations Chair in making sure all Trumbull Boards and Commissions have Republican majority and I continue to ask for her help and am

lucky to have her on our executive committee. Thanks also to finance co-chairs Loretta Chory and Suzanne Testani for their tireless efforts in helping TRTC through the many fund raising events bringing our treasury to a total of over \$100,000 in the campaign.

The Republican Party in Trumbull in the Obama wave in 2008 was able to return TR Rowe as State Representative to Hartford and elected Tony Hwang from the 134th by defeating a protégé of Nancy DiNardo's in her home town

My friends, we had victory and continued our work of reaching out to Trumbull voters in an effort to get the party energized for the municipal elections. We had an incredible victory last November and I see much the same enthusiasm that energizes the room tonight. Failed policies from the Democratic Administration have helped to unite the Republican Party and make it

even stronger! We kept our message in that time from many resources including those who wrote letters that Trumbull's voters deserved better than what they had and responded with overwhelming approval by sweeping the Republican Party into every available elected position in 2009!

As candidates and campaign workers we had the strength, fortitude and determination including the belief in our convictions that we could bring fundamental change to Trumbull's government. To First Selectman Herbst, Town Treasurer, John Ponzio and Town Clerk, Suzanne Burr Monaco, your performance the first few months in office has been incredible and you all deserve congratulations for your efforts and the accomplishments that you have already had including the most recent announcement that the administration has produced over \$1million in operational savings.

Two years ago I stated my first priority would be to elect a Republican First Selectman and the entire Republican team in 2009. I promise you all know that I will use every ounce of my energy to make sure the Republican Party elects a new Governor, Attorney General, United States Senator, Congressman, State Senator and that we keep the gains we made by re-electing TR Rowe and Tony Hwang. The Republican Town Committee has many new members and I will be asking of you to help make sure our Republican message is heard by Trumbull voters. TRTC efforts will then focus in 2011 to re-elect First Selectman Herbst and all Republican candidates! !

I believe the election this past November proved the people of Trumbull want a government that is fiscally responsible and accountable to the public. They want a quality of life that is superb. They want a town where they can live, work

and raise their families. They want a town they can be proud of and Tim and our Republican elected officials are working tirelessly to make sure the promise of Trumbull becomes the reality of Trumbull.

When I was elected your Chairman 2 years ago, I talked about my focus of the 3 M's - - MONEY, MESSAGE AND MANPOWER. Today I bring the message of PEOPLE, PURPOSE AND PLACES.

PEOPLE – I am so fortunate as Chairman to have Loretta Chory and Suzanne Testani agree to stay on as Co-Chairman of the Finance Committee and I am grateful for their willingness to continue to serve.

Over the next several weeks, I will be working with Loretta and our Executive Committee to develop an aggressive fundraising plan for our party. As I said 2 years ago I asked to raise a \$100,000

because the Democrats will be relentless I will be developing a plan to raise \$150,000 over the next two years.

Also, I have asked Rob Pescatore to serve as Chairman of the Voter Outreach Committee. If it's one thing the last election proved that with a fantastic micro-targeting effort, the Trumbull Republican Party can maximize our vote. We must focus our efforts to increase Republican registration and continue to seek out new members.

As part of my plan for the RTC, I have asked Karen Egri to join me as Vice Chairman and have a renewed effort to be our point person with the District Leaders. Karen will be charged with serving as the liaison with our District Leaders, to make sure the District Leaders are regularly communicating with their district members

PURPOSE – In a combination of people and message, I personally would like to thank Mark Smith having served as Marketing Committee Chairman. And I would like to again welcome Paul Lavoie. Paul has already proven that he is efficient in his response in various press releases and will ask that Paul with the Executive Committee work toward a goal of one press release per week. Paul has also developed a marketing plan that is essential to articulating our vision for Trumbull.

PLACES – Last July I asked that you join us as we knock on every door and bring our message to the voters of Trumbull. Now I ask that you all join me and attend town meeting, help with the Tidy Up Trumbull effort from Trumbull Community Women, help with collecting food for the Trumbull Food Pantry, attend Trumbull Home sporting events like football and lacrosse. Be part of the

community that we are all proud of and show the Democrats that we will have the corner office for the long haul!

Friends, we did it before and we can do it again! We must not be complacent; we must remain steadfast in our beliefs that the conservative, fiscally responsible approach to government will win the day. President Obama has opened the door for the Republican Party across the country with the onerous health insurance plan that was passed down party lines. We can take advantage of that this November and the amazing accomplishments of the Herbst administration and remain victorious in our endeavors.

I look forward to working with each and every one of you. Thank you very much.