

# Mayor Giuliani Crosses Over Party Lines

By Craig McGuire

Fortifying an identity for his administration as a fusion between the Democratic and Republican parties, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani recently attended the Kings Highway Democratic Club's annual dinner.

Michael Geller, Democratic leader for the 45th Assembly District, said Giuliani's appearance was the fulfillment of a campaign promise.

Geller explained, "I was the first elected Democratic party leader to cross over and support Republican candidate Giuliani."

The event, held at the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center, 60 West End Avenue, was attended by Dem-

ocratic Party members and leaders, as well as several Brooklyn lawmakers.

Giuliani addressed an enthusiastic, crowded banquet hall before being presented with an award from the Democratic club in recognition of its support during his campaign.

"It took a lot of courage for you to support me," said Giuliani. "In 78 years you have never supported a Republican -- you even passed up [Fiorella] La Guardia -- but you supported me."

"I want you to know, I was born in Brooklyn, so I better care about Brooklyn," said Giuliani.

According to the mayor, the support of the local Democratic club was fur-

ther example that "now we truly have a fusion administration."

"I think now I have more Democrats in my administration than Republicans," the mayor commented, joking that he was having difficulty finding Republicans in New York City to fill his cabinet.

"It's no longer choosing Democrat or Republican,

it's finding the right thing," said Giuliani.

Introducing Mayor Giuliani, Geller presented a list of the top five reasons why the mayor attended the event.

## Top Five Reasons Giuliani Attended

**Five:** Nervous eating at Gracie Mansion because the chef is a holdover from the Dinkins Administration.

**Four:** After campaigning so much, the mayor has become addicted to Matzoh ball soup.

**Three:** Hopes to land a pass for Kingsborough beach.

**Two:** Wants to check with ace *Bay News* reporter concerning new develop-

ments in the Buttafuoco case.

**One:** This was the only invitation that didn't require that he bring son Andrew along.

Following his speech, the mayor excused himself to visit a New York City firefighter injured in the line of duty.



Congressman Jerrold Nadler addresses a crowded banquet room at the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center.



Rabbi Dr. Joseph I. Singer is presented with an award for "Lifetime Achievement," by his son, Alexander Singer, at the Kings Highway Democratic Club's annual dinner.



Democratic State committeewoman Mary Tobin, Catherine O'Neil, and Jack Tobin look on as former councilman Herbert Lupka speaks to an audience including Democratic Club members, party leaders, and local and state lawmakers.

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