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*Join us on April 22, 2001
A Message From the President*

Rick Del Mastro

*NED Honors Alan G. Hevesi
As its 2001 Man of The Year.*

Barry B. Edison

As the promise of Spring returns to New York, the political scene begins to heat up once again. As always, NED is looking to honor someone who represents our high ideals of good government in this, the greatest city in the world, New York City.

Comptroller Alan G. Hevesi exemplifies all of NED's beliefs, a politician with a sense of fairness and ideals of fiscal responsibility.

Your attendance at our annual Fundraising Luncheon is the key to NED's growth and strength in New York's political scene. The growing numbers and diverse nature of our membership make us a force to be reckoned with by anyone who would seek power in our city.

Please be certain to reserve the date and join with us for this special event.



Alan G. Hevesi

Once again, it is that special time of the year. Our baseball teams are in Florida preparing for a new season. At least once a week, the temperature hits 50 degrees. Yes, Spring is just around the corner and it is time to join your friends and family at NED's annual fundraiser.

This year, we take special pride in honoring **New York City Comptroller Alan G. Hevesi** as NED's 2001 Man of The Year! Alan Hevesi has spent his entire life helping others and fighting for all the issues that NED feels so strongly about. Comptroller Hevesi has shown a deep commitment to help the less fortunate, give justice to all our citizens, and has proven to be a manager of unequalled competence.

Mr. Hevesi was elected New York City's 41st Comptroller in 1993 and was reelected by landslide proportions in 1997. Upon taking office, the city's five pension funds had assets worth \$49 billion. Under Mr. Hevesi's leadership this has doubled to \$100 billion. Compared to other large pension funds, NYC funds are in the top 25 percent in earnings and the bottom 25 percent in expenses. Comptroller Hevesi has more than doubled the number of audits conducted by his office. Working in a collegial manner with the Giuliani administration, the Comptroller identified hundreds of millions of dollars in savings.

Alan Hevesi is not just a brilliant "numbers person". He is leader with a strong desire to lead the fight for justice and equality. Mr. Hevesi has fought against all forms of bigotry and has spoken out against bigots and hate-mongers from both the left and the right. Alan G. Hevesi played a key role in convincing the Swiss banks to agree to a \$1.65 billion settlement of Holocaust-related issues.

Comptroller Hevesi is truly someone whose entire career has been synonymous with NED's Mission Statement. He not only wants good government – he is good government!

Please join us on **April 22, 2001** at the Waterfront Crabhouse to honor this great New Yorker.



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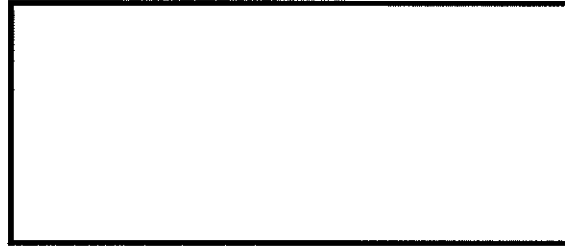
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**A Message from the Executive Vice-
President**

Matthew W. Daus

With massive changes on the political horizon during this coming year of Term Limits and Local government elections in the City of New York, it is imperative for the New Era "Independent" Democrats (NED) to increase its membership and "bridge-building" efforts.

NED is the most politically diverse and independent organization around. I can think of no other political association that has a membership of so many different races, cultures, religions, and ideologies. I can also think of no better place than New York City for such a diverse and independent organization to flourish.

By the end of 2001, we will elect a new Mayor, Comptroller, Public Advocate, Borough Presidents, and almost an entirely new City Council. This year will undoubtedly be one of the most dynamic, exciting and historically significant election years New York City has ever experienced.

The smell of political change is in the air – but we must, as a group, make sure that those changes build upon the success of the last seven years. Certainly, it is in the best interest of all NED members to ensure that our organization grows so that we can continue to help elect the right candidates who will continue the prosperity and stability of New York City.

To this end, NED will undertake membership efforts unlike any past effort during 2001. NED Captains will be working to increase our membership through coffee socials and other activi-

ties designed to introduce interested citizens to the philosophy and goals of our organization. But each and every one of our NED members must contribute – however we can. For example, a simple conversation with an acquaintance, family member or friend is an important, yet small effort that can exponentially increase our membership if all of our current members add a personal touch and effort.

So please help us by working together with your designated Captains to assist in our crucial membership drive. If you wish to host a *coffee social* in conjunction with your assigned Captain to introduce new potential members to NED, please contact your Captain and **Charisse Renzi-Daus at (718) 836-6671** to assist in the coordination of the details of these events. If you are not currently a member but wish to join, please contact our *Captain Coordinator, John Orlando, at (718) 259-7737*.

Our NED family looks forward to working closely with all of you to grow together and continue to build bridges, friendships and relationships.

