

**PRESS RELEASE - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** 10/01/2003**Rousing Success for the "Coalition Building Party for Peace and Justice"**

On Sunday, September 14th, Concerned People for Social Action threw a party to build relationships between our area's many diverse activist groups. The Coalition Building Party brought together a wide range of people in the progressive movement to meet, network, and enjoy each other's company at the Rokeby Mansion in Barrytown. There were marvelous guests, music, homemade food, and plenty of engaging discussions.



In attendance were approximately 100 people, some representing various groups, some running for offices, and some just concerned about our country. Groups ranged from those involved with voting reform to people from Hudson River Clearwater, and individuals including veterans of WW2 through the Vietnam war.

Common concerns among the crowd were the current administration's dishonesty, media monopolies, environmental concerns, the current occupation of Iraq, corporate dominance and the widening gap between rich and poor.



The highlight for many was a captivating speech by Congressman Maurice Hinchey, supporting grassroots efforts of this kind.

Also present and speaking at the party were the Red Hook candidates of Jean Bordewich Town Council, Chris Gilbert Town Council, Marirose Bump for Town Supervisor, Larry Kopczak for County Legislator in Red Hook and Tivoli, and Joel Tyner running for County Legislator in District 11.



Excited by the prospect of pooling resources and efforts, attendees planned a follow-up meeting for October 12th at 6:30pm in Rosendale. Please contact CoalitionInfo@ConcernedPeople.org for details.

Concerned People is an group started in Red Hook in response to the threat of war with Iraq last October, and continues to raise awareness about both foreign and domestic issues. People interested in this and other events should visit the Concerned People web site, email members@concernedpeople.org, or phone 845 758-6053.

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