

# *Dutchess County*

## *Young Republicans*

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### **Steady Leadership Keeps Dutchess Young Republican Club Strong**

Hyde Park, NY – The Dutchess County Young Republican club has had an active community presence over the past year and club leaders pledged to keep it that way at its June meeting where it elected officers for the year.

Michael Kelsey, a nonprofit agency manager and adjunct professor of philosophy and paralegal studies at Marist College was re-elected to a second term as Chairman. Stephen Reverri, was elected as the new Vice Chairman, Justin Varuzzo as Secretary, and rounding out the board was Michael Taylor who was re-elected to a second term as Treasurer.

Reverri, who was serving as the club's parliamentarian prior to his election is also a sergeant in the Dutchess County Sheriff's office.. Varuzzo, a local businessman, had been serving as the club's legislative director. Taylor is a banker and a current candidate for Hyde Park Town Board.

"I am very excited about our newly elected officers," said Kelsey. "We've got an incredible team of hardworking, intelligent and devoted young Republicans steering our club."

Outgoing vice chairman and former Poughkeepsie councilman Erik Haight was appointed the club's political director who will spearhead the club's involvement in this November's elections. Outgoing secretary, Ben Traudt, is a candidate for County Legislator.

Kelsey, also a candidate for county legislature, said this year will bring new opportunities for the club to become involved in Dutchess County and help shape its future.

“Last year we campaigned heavily for candidates, registered new voters, and we participated in the political process by attending meetings and educating our friends and families about legislation, both good and bad,” said Kelsey. “Through small efforts including winter coat drives, hosting a non-partisan high school essay contest, or joining American Legion posts in placing flags on veteran’s graves, we as a club have been showing others that civic-minded individuals can make a difference -- and just as importantly, we can have a lot of fun doing so.”

In July the club will host Dutchess County’s first-ever night golf outing at Casperkill Country Club in the town of Poughkeepsie. See the club’s website for details.

The Dutchess County Young Republican Club is a network of the young and young-at-heart registered Republicans who believe in public service and in the proven platform of the Republican Party in bettering the quality of life of Dutchess County and beyond. Further information on the Dutchess County Young Republicans or for more information to join can be obtained from <http://www.dutchessyr.com>, by email to [youngdutchessGOP@yahoo.com](mailto:youngdutchessGOP@yahoo.com), or on Facebook at Dutchess YRs.

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