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97th Legislative District

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Dear Friends,

As I start my first term as your State Representative, I want to personally express my desire to represent each and every one of you to the best of my ability. My vision on how best to do that involves three basic principles:

★ To take care of your needs—my staff and I are available at my district office to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

★ To know what you think about issues—I maximize my time spent in the district so that I am available to you in order to understand your views on issues and legislation.

★ To take care of the program and project needs of the district—I will work to help accomplish projects and programs by facilitating, networking, and finding funding for the needs of the community.

I believe that the people deserve the best service possible. If there is ever any way that I can be of assistance to you, please feel free to contact me through a phone call, an e-mail, a letter, or a visit. My staff and I are here to serve you.

Working for you,

Rep. Roy E. Baldwin

REP. BALDWIN SWORN IN AS STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Rep. Roy E. Baldwin officially began his first term as state representative for Pennsylvania's 97th Legislative District in January when he was sworn into office during a ceremony in the House Chamber.

"I am very proud to represent our district in Harrisburg, and I look forward to working for our community," said Rep. Baldwin. "It's going to be a great experience, and I have an exciting vision of many things we can do to make this district prosper in the coming years."

Rep. Baldwin was also appointed to serve on four House committees for the 2003-04 legislative session: Aging and Older Adult Services; Intergovernmental Affairs; Transportation; and Tourism and Recreational Development, where he has been named head of the Subcommittee on Arts and Entertainment.



Rep. Baldwin gets sworn in as Representative of the 97th legislative district in Pennsylvania.

EMERGENCY PREPARATION

Rep. Baldwin's March 19th Emergency Preparedness Summit had been planned for months- but the timing couldn't have been better. "I held this summit to promote dialogue with police, fire and emergency personnel," said Baldwin. "We need to make sure we are all on the same page in order for our community to be the safest possible."

Emergency preparedness and fire company officials from Warwick Township, Lititz Borough, Manheim Township, East Petersburg Borough, Franklin & Marshall College, Millersville University, Lancaster Emergency Management Agency (LEMA), Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA), and Pennsylvania Department of Health joined Baldwin for the summit held at the Neffsville Fire Hall.

The outcome is this Emergency Information Card, here for you now.

Cut, fold in half, and keep by your phone or in your wallet.

EMERGENCY CHECKLIST

Call your emergency management office to learn:

- How to prepare for a disaster; How you would be warned.
- How to shelter in place or evacuate.

Create a family emergency plan:

- Choose escape routes and a meeting spot.
- Choose someone out of town as your family's emergency contact.
- Have family members carry the contact's phone numbers with them.
- If disaster strikes, all family members report their location to contact.

Prepare an Emergency Go Kit including:

- Water, non-perishable food items, can opener, clothing, blankets,
- First aid kit, battery-operated radio, identification, cash, etc.

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EMERGENCY INFORMATION CARD

Place this card in your wallet or by your phone

Compliments of Roy E. Baldwin
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For additional emergency information, go to www.ready.gov or call your local emergency management agency.

“WORLD OF WELLNESS” LAUNCHED IN 97TH DISTRICT

Representative Baldwin introduced his wellness campaign entitled “World of Wellness” (WOW) to the 97th District on April 26 at the Pfizer Health Fair at the Lititz Community Center.

WOW is a group of community wellness partners inspiring every individual to increase his or her quality of mind, body and soul. WOW will raise the consciousness of wellness in the 97th District; Promote specific events that deal with good nutrition and increased activity; Reach the people who need to improve their health the most; Develop a simple measurement process that allows people to participate in the WOW initiative. Anyone can participate in WOW because it is non-threatening, advocating good nutrition and an increase in physical activity, and is managed by the individual.

Rep. Baldwin is passionate about health and wellness, and is leading the community to increased fitness by way of example. Roy just completed his third Marine Marathon, Roy’s children finished the New Zealand Iron Man Triathlon, and Baldwin and staff completed the Race Against Racism. On May 12, Roy not only sponsored the “Ride to the Capitol”, but actually cycled the distance himself.

Rep. Baldwin is inviting you to his summer weekly neighborhood walks, or “walkie-talkies”, at the locations of your choice. Please call 569-5855 with your preferences.



Baldwin, staff, family and friends after running the Race against Racism.

A calendar of events and much more WOW news can be found at www.wowlancaster.com.

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KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR

Know what to Report

- S- Size Number of people, gender, ages, and physical descriptions
- A- Activity Describe what they are doing
- L- Location Provide exact location
- U- Uniform Describe what they are wearing, including shoes
- T- Time Provide date, time and duration of activity
- E- Equipment Describe vehicle, make, color, etc., license plate, camera, guns, etc.

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| EMERGENCY | 911 |
| Lancaster County Emergency Management | (800) 808-5236 |
| Rumor Hotline | (717) 664-1221 |
| Police Dispatch (non-emergency) | (800) 957-2677 |
| Fire/Ambulance Dispatch (non-emergency) | (800) 691-3473 |
| PA Terrorism Tip Line | (888) 292-1919 |
| PA Department of Health | (877) 724-3258 |
| American Red Cross | (717) 299-5531 |
| Salvation Army | (717) 397-7565 |
| MH/MR, Crisis Intervention | (717) 394-2631 |
| Central PA Poison Control | (800) 222-1222 |
| Center for Disease Control | (800) 458-5231 |

REPRESENTATIVE BALDWIN HITS THE GROUND RUNNING!

“These outreach events are great opportunities for constituents to share any views which are important to them,” said Baldwin.

Feb 7, I hosted a “Constituent Breakfast”, the first of monthly town meetings, at the Landis Valley Museum Visitor Center, combined a delicious breakfast with good conversation about the issues and ideas of concern to local residents.

Feb 14, I gave the gift of life, blood, at Lancaster General Hospital, with a nurse and CEO Mike Young.



Feb 27, I was proud to host my first Education Summit

March 14-15, I had a booth at the Lititz Business Expo

March 19, We hosted an Emergency Preparedness Summit

March 20, I held my World of Wellness Health Summit

March 28-29, My District Office Grand Opening, where

hundreds of constituents stopped in to get to know the Representative and his staff, and the services they provide. Rep. Baldwin supports local businesses and promotes them whenever possible. This Open House was a showcase for local businesses, food vendors, artists, and live local musicians.

April 3, Our Women’s Chat, 2nd monthly town meeting

April 19 & 25, Celebrating Earth Day all month, planting trees, cleaning a stream, picking up litter and supporting those anti-litter projects such as Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, Adopt-A-Highway, Keep Lancaster Beautiful, and Broom Day.

April 26, Baldwin and staff ran the Race Against Racism.

April 26, I had a booth at the Pfizer Health Fair, to kick-off my “World Of Wellness” initiative.

ONGOING EVENTS:

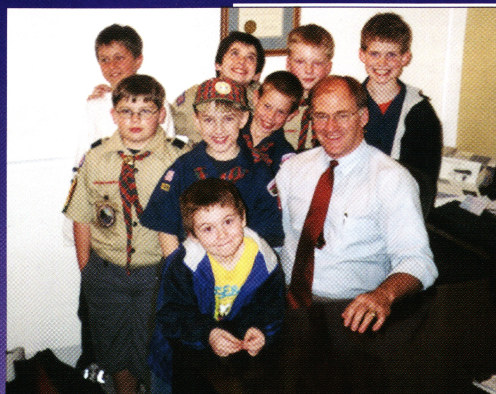
Connecting With Seniors in the House of Representatives Aging and Older Adult Services Committee; his District Office will be a VITA site next year, offering free tax assistance to senior citizens; provides PACE forms; Senior Expo in October, co-hosted with Rep. Tom Creighton.

Connecting With Children through his 4th grade outreach program, where he reads to all 97th district fourth grade classes, and emphasizes “How a Bill Becomes a Law”; attending high school career days and special events; honoring student artists-of-the-month; presenting honorary citations to Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Eagle Scouts.

Guest Page Program is open to youth ages 12 years old or older. These pages will serve on the House chamber floor for one session day. “This is a fun way for students to learn about state government and the legislative process,” Representative Baldwin said. Please call 569-5855 for details. **Volunteers** and **internship** positions are also available in the district office.

Town Meetings, Womens Chats, Breakfasts and Expos are just a few ongoing events you can look forward to being held in the district for constituents.

CONNECTING with the *Community*



Baldwin entertains Cub Scouts Troop # 184.



Baldwin presents citations to Troop 99's Eagle Scouts Trevor Sindorf and Richard "Hart" Heiden.



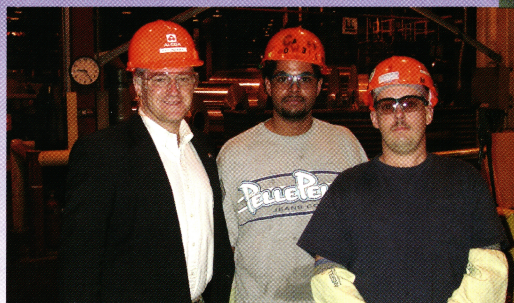
Baldwin at his District Office with Miss Wheelchair PA, Jaclyn Michelle Kratzer.



Baldwin at his Constituent Breakfast, presenting a citation and flag to Landis Valley Museum and Marilyn Monath.



Baldwin with E. Petersburg Manager, Jim Williams, presenting \$115,000 to DCNR for improvement of their pool and park.



Baldwin touring the Alcoa Plant in Lancaster, with Casey Powell and Jon Heiser.

My district office staff and I are always available to help you. We provide a variety of state government-related services, including:

- Driver's license and vehicle registration applications and renewals.
- Assistance with PennDOT paperwork (lost cards, changes, corrections, special registration plates, vanity plates, and temporary placards for disabled persons).
- PACE and PACENET applications for seniors.
- Other information for senior citizens regarding benefits and services available to them, as well as assisting seniors in completing various state forms.
- Helping all constituents cut through red tape in state government.
- Copies of legislation.
- Copies of birth and death certificates.
- Applications for state higher education grants.
- Applications for state and civil service jobs.
- Arranging tours of the State Capitol.
- Referrals to agencies to resolve state-related matters.
- Voter registration applications.
- Free state maps, state park information, and PA Vacation Guides.

Feel free to call, write or visit our office. I can best serve you when I know your concerns and have the benefits of your ideas for a more responsive state government.



REP. BALDWIN'S OFFICES ARE HERE TO SERVE YOU!

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97th District Spring 2003 Questionnaire

I would like to know what you think about a variety of issues, so I can better represent your interests in the House of Representatives. Please take a moment to read and answer the following questions; **two boxes are provided for responses so that two people per household may reply.** The results of this survey will be included in my next newsletter. When you are finished with the survey, please fold it so the panel with my office address is showing, tape it closed and mail it back to my office. I look forward to hearing from you.

1. Do you believe that for the services you receive from the state, the taxes you pay are too high or about right?

Too High About Right

2. Following is a list of issues many people believe are important for a state representative to concentrate on in their dealings with state government and public policy initiatives. Please indicate whether you favor or oppose these initiatives.

A. Reforming school district property taxes:

Strongly Favor Somewhat Favor Neutral
 Somewhat Opposed Strongly Oppose

B. Improving the quality of education statewide:

Strongly Favor Somewhat Favor Neutral
 Somewhat Opposed Strongly Oppose

C. Creating new jobs and economic development opportunities:

Strongly Favor Somewhat Favor Neutral
 Somewhat Opposed Strongly Oppose

D. Fighting crime, violence and drugs:

Strongly Favor Somewhat Favor Neutral
 Somewhat Opposed Strongly Oppose

E. Controlling growth, development and traffic congestion:

Strongly Favor Somewhat Favor Neutral
 Somewhat Opposed Strongly Oppose

F. Addressing the medical liability insurance crisis to keep doctors from leaving Pennsylvania:

Strongly Favor Somewhat Favor Neutral
 Somewhat Opposed Strongly Oppose

G. Providing prescription drugs for those on fixed incomes:

Strongly Favor Somewhat Favor Neutral
 Somewhat Opposed Strongly Oppose

H. Guaranteeing health care for every resident in Pennsylvania:

Strongly Favor Somewhat Favor Neutral
 Somewhat Opposed Strongly Oppose

3. Many states, including Pennsylvania, are struggling with a budget deficit as a result of the recent economic downturn and the events of Sept. 11. Following is a list of suggested cuts in various spending programs, proposed increases in different taxes and proposals to generate new sources of revenue that many people believe **may be** necessary to reduce the deficit for the coming year. Please indicate if you support or oppose each particular suggestion as a way to reduce the state's current deficit. [Remember, these are only suggestions that have been made recently.]

Support Oppose Introduce video slot machines at the state's racetracks

Support Oppose Introduce riverboat casino-style gambling at the state's riverfront locations

Support Oppose Increase the state sales tax, currently at 6 percent

Support Oppose Increase the state personal income tax rate, currently at 2.8 percent

Support Oppose Introduce a new tax on air and water pollution

Support Oppose Increase the state tax on gasoline and diesel fuels

Support Oppose Cut funding for health care programs

Support Oppose None/Other proposal _____

4. To improve the quality of public education, which ONE of the following would you most favor considering that an increase in state taxes would be required to fund the new program or improvement. Please choose only ONE of the following.

Full day kindergarten

Smaller class sizes

Extra support/tutoring for low-income students

Early childhood education

Other _____

None, I do not think taxpayers should spend more money in the public schools.

5. Do you currently have any school-age children living in the household?

Yes No

6. Currently there are many different proposals being considered in the State General Assembly to reform our system of property taxes. Most of the proposals include reducing property taxes in exchange for increases in other taxes as a way to make up the lost revenue. Please indicate whether you support or oppose the following proposals as a way to reduce property taxes for property owners in Pennsylvania:

Support Oppose Reducing school district property taxes in exchange for increases in the sales and use tax.

Support Oppose Reducing school district property taxes in exchange for increases in the personal income tax rate.

Support Oppose Reducing school district property taxes in exchange for increases in the earned income tax.

Support Oppose Reducing school district property taxes in exchange for increases in taxes paid by businesses.

Support Oppose Reducing school district taxes in exchange for increases in either the earned income or other nuisance taxes assessed at the local level.

7. One prominent proposal would increase personal income taxes for residents locally by approximately \$30 million in order to fund education and property tax reduction statewide. Under this proposal, of the extra \$30 million dollars collected from residents in our area, \$12 million in property tax reduction would be returned to the local area and \$18 million would be used to fund property tax reductions/education in less wealthy districts across the state. Would you favor an income tax increase that would mostly benefit education property tax relief in poorer districts statewide?

Strongly Favor Somewhat Favor Neutral

Somewhat Opposed Strongly Oppose

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