

## Report from President Barbara Franklin

The Illinois Alliance for Retired Americans continues to move forward. This year, retirees across Illinois have been marching in the streets, lobbying in the halls of the Illinois State Capitol, and holding press events to highlight important issues for retirement security. We are holding our elected officials accountable to their communities and are committed to helping elect candidates who will protect and improve senior services and retirement security for all.

In January, we made our first endorsements in state elections, endorsing Juliana Stratton. In March, she defeated incumbent Ken Dunkin in the 5th House District primary race. Ms. Stratton will advocate tirelessly for the seniors in her community and across the state. In addition, the IARA endorsed Sam McCann, as he won his primary bid for reelection in the 50th Senate District. Senator McCann has been a true champion for working people. We are pleased to announce our endorsements in the General Elections, which can be found on the following page.

Please note that the Illinois Alliance for Retired Americans has a new address and phone number:

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## Retirees Fight to Protect Home Care for Seniors



*Press conference with Congresswoman Schakowsky and Representative Harris*

In January, IARA members joined with community partners, Representative Greg Harris and Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky to support House Bill 4351, the Community Care Protection Bill. The Governor has attempted to change the qualifications for this program and the Home Services Program. These changes would have resulted in 34,000 seniors and people with disabilities losing in home care. This bill would protect these individuals currently receiving care through these programs.



*IARA members leafleting in Joliet*

As the on-going budget crisis continues, retirees from across the state are working to protect home care for seniors, which includes the Community Care Program (CCP). This successful program helps seniors stay in their homes and communities and it avoids premature and costly nursing homes. Governor Rauner's destructive agenda has included cuts to CCP.



*IARA members rallying in Chicago*

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IARA members have continued to educate and mobilize to protect CCP and other important senior services. In the Spring, retirees partnered with Citizen Action IL and SEIU Healthcare, holding press events calling on elect-

ed representatives to support home care for seniors and people with disabilities and to oppose Governor Rauner's dangerous agenda. Events were held in Chicago, Downer's Grove, Edwardsville, Joliet, Lombard and Naperville. Stay tuned for more important upcoming events.

# 2016 General Election Endorsements

## IL House

| District          | Candidate            |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| 10 <sup>th</sup>  | Melissa Conyears-D   |
| 16 <sup>th</sup>  | Lou Lang- D          |
| 18 <sup>th</sup>  | Robyn Gabel- D       |
| 20 <sup>th</sup>  | Merry Marwig- D      |
| 44 <sup>th</sup>  | Fred Crespo-D        |
| 45 <sup>th</sup>  | Cynthia Borbas- D    |
| 46 <sup>th</sup>  | Deborah Conroy- D    |
| 50 <sup>th</sup>  | Valerie Burd- D      |
| 55 <sup>th</sup>  | Marty Moylan- D      |
| 56 <sup>th</sup>  | Michelle Mussman- D  |
| 59 <sup>th</sup>  | Carol Sente-D        |
| 61 <sup>st</sup>  | Nick Ciko- D         |
| 62 <sup>nd</sup>  | Sam Yingling- D      |
| 68 <sup>th</sup>  | Tricia Sweeny- D     |
| 71 <sup>st</sup>  | Mike Smiddy- D       |
| 72 <sup>nd</sup>  | Michael Halpin - D   |
| 74 <sup>th</sup>  | Bill Butts- D        |
| 79 <sup>th</sup>  | Kate Cloonen- D      |
| 81 <sup>st</sup>  | Greg Hose- D         |
| 84 <sup>th</sup>  | Stephanie Kifowit- D |
| 93 <sup>rd</sup>  | John Curtis- D       |
| 94 <sup>th</sup>  | Bobby Pritchett- D   |
| 95 <sup>th</sup>  | Mike Mathis- D       |
| 96 <sup>th</sup>  | Sue Scherer- D       |
| 99 <sup>th</sup>  | Tony DelGiorno- D    |
| 103 <sup>rd</sup> | Carol Ammons- D      |
| 110 <sup>th</sup> | Dennis Malak- D      |
| 111 <sup>th</sup> | Daniel Beiser- D     |
| 112 <sup>th</sup> | Katie Stuart- D      |
| 115 <sup>th</sup> | Marsha Griffin- D    |
| 117 <sup>th</sup> | John Bradley- D      |
| 118 <sup>th</sup> | Brandon Phelps- D    |



Edwardsville– Katie Stuart, 112<sup>th</sup> House District Candidate, signing the Senior Pledge

## IL Senate

| District         | Candidate                   |
|------------------|-----------------------------|
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Cristina Castro             |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Tom Cullerton- D            |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> | Corrine Pierog- D           |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> | Laura Murphy- D             |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> | Julie Morrison- D           |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> | Melinda Bush- D             |
| 38 <sup>th</sup> | Christine Benson- D         |
| 49 <sup>th</sup> | Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant- D |
| 52 <sup>nd</sup> | Scott Bennet- D             |
| 58 <sup>th</sup> | Shelia Simon- D             |
| 59 <sup>th</sup> | Gary Forby- D               |



Gillespie– IARA leader David Spinner and Mike Mathis, 95<sup>th</sup> District House Candidate

## ARA Endorsements in Federal Races

**Hillary Clinton– D**  
*US President*

**Tammy Duckworth– D**  
*US Senate*

**Bobby Rush– D**  
*1st Congressional District*

**Robin Kelly– D**  
*2nd Congressional District*

**Daniel Lipinski– D**  
*3rd Congressional District*

**Luis Gutierrez– D**  
*4th Congressional District*

**Mike Quigley**  
*5th Congressional District*

**Amanda Howland**  
*6th Congressional District*

**Danny Davis**  
*7th Congressional District*

**Raja Krishnamoorthi**  
*8th Congressional District*

**Jan Schakowsky**  
*9th Congressional District*

**Brad Schnieder**  
*10th Congressional District*

**Bill Foster**  
*11th Congressional District*

**CJ Baricevic**  
*12th Congressional District*

**Cherri Bustos**  
*17th Congressional District*