

Community service is an admirable act of love towards thy neighbor be it with in a political party and/or through community service organizations like business chambers, Ruritan, PTO, scouts, a food bank, a church and spontaneous local projects. One's lack of party involvement does minimize the thousands of hours of service through the above groups in anyway especially when there has been no financial compensation received nor expected. Being paid for public service is gravy especially when there are life time benefits for you after your service is done!

To earn the endorsement of the Party by "paying one's dues" with service with in the party should not discriminate against one's service with in the community. Both can show the character and one's commitment in the desire to live in community and to serve it also.

Right or wrong, the voter today is more skeptical about those climbing the political party service ladder wondering how much they have had to compromise to whomever to get the nomination or office they seek. With the attractive benefits during and after service for some offices, the voter is more critical of their motivation too. I come uninhibited and owing no one nothing other than my humble gratitude for one's support and moral obligation to serve thy neighbor. I desire a maximum of six years of service in the Assembly with no expectation of life time benefits. In fact, I will be fighting to do away with them. I didn't expect them after serving as president of a chamber or Ruritan, and I won't after leaving Albany.

The voter recognizes both service with in a party and directly in the community to be no more honorable than the other. Do you? The voter should not discriminate between the two but if they do, it will be against the former due to the distrust with the political process and system.

Party loyalty has more to do with one embracing its platform with the values and principles it was derived from, not the time served within. I have voted this way all my life. I hope that you will too.

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