Dear Absentee or Military Dryden Voter,

This letter is written to introduce our 2007 Independent and Republican candidates to you. You’ll find all of them on the ballot you will be receiving shortly. We hope they get your support. If you were in Dryden this fall, you would know that they are each making a big effort to communicate with all the voters. Their personal websites, listed under the photos enclosed, is an example of that.

We believe communication is very important as the basis for informed voting. We also want to demonstrate our commitment to good communication as an important element of how all these candidates will serve, when elected. Effective communication requires a range of efforts — personal visits to neighborhood meetings, websites that are up-to-date and easy to use, and mailed letters to the voters — all ways they are working to communicate this year.

Already, this is a remarkable election year! We are thrilled with the talent and experience of our candidates and with the depth of the issues debate, even this early. I invite you to click “Campaign Issues” when you visit these websites to see the range and detail of the issues being presented. In addition, if you had joined us for one of the community meetings we initiated with our opponents, you would have heard Democrats Mary Ann Sumner and Joe Solomon declare that they take issue with the Pledge of Allegiance — for personal reasons — and abstain from reciting it.

A newspaper report of Mary Ann’s objection to the Pledge (and wish to relocate the POW/MIA flag) can be found by visiting DrydenRepublicans.org. Click the link under the library picture (top left).

Brief candidate information is presented in this envelope. Much more about each can be found at their websites. As you will see, they’re very well qualified for the positions they are seeking by virtue of our broad range of life circumstances and professional experiences.

Just as our town is very diverse, our candidates offer diverse backgrounds. Cheryl, who lives in the northeast corner of the town, has 32 years in the public sector; Stan, from the center of the town, has 39 years in education and science; and Walt, from the southwestern corner of the town, has 30 years in agriculture and industry. Moreover, Judge Clauson has 16 years on the bench and Bambi has 9 as Dryden Town Clerk.

They’re interested in what you have to say and are ready, willing and able to serve well. Please call or email them with any thoughts and concerns.

Thanks for caring enough to vote!

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Dryden Republican Chairman

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