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ASSEMBLYWOMAN SANDY GALEF TO PARTICIPATE IN FIRST KNOWN “CALENDAR READING” AT THE ART BARN IN OSSINING ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH

“I am excited that Assemblywoman Sandy Galef will participate in Westchester’s first-known ‘Calendar Reading,’ at the Art Barn in Ossining, on Sunday November 6th at 3 PM, when we will read, aloud, the four page story at the beginning of my 2012 FDR calendar,” Stefan Lonce, the author of the **DRIVING WITH FDR 2012 COLLECTIBLE CALENDAR** said.

“My **DRIVING WITH FDR 2012 COLLECTIBLE CALENDAR** explains how being able to drive, using hand controls he designed, after he was paralyzed by polio and could no longer walk, empowered FDR and changed world history,” Lonce said. The calendar features frame-able black-and-white photographs of FDR driving his hand-controlled cars, or being driven in open cars when he was President, with a caption that explains and dates each photo, followed by a pithy FDR quote. Each of the 13 monthly (Jan. 2012 – Jan. 2013) photos also includes a riddle devised by Lonce.

“Driving gave FDR confidence that he could overcome his paralysis – he spent 7 years trying to walk again, but could only make it look like he was walking if he wore cumbersome metal leg braces, and grabbed onto someone’s arm, while leaning on a cane,” Lonce explained.

“If FDR had not been able to drive, then he would not have run for Governor of New York in 1928: his Republican opponent attacked him as a ‘cripple,’ and being able to drive let FDR *prove*, through photographs, that he was capable of being Governor. If FDR had not been elected Governor in 1928, then he would not have been elected President in 1932, and he would not have been able to arm America and the Allies, as he did during 1940 and 1941. Hitler would have won the War,” Lonce concluded, in the calendar.

Assemblywoman Galef, who is a former teacher, represents parts of northern Westchester and Putnam Counties, including Ossining. Since she was elected in 1992, Galef has consistently advocated legislative reform in the Assembly, and has been deeply involved in many issues, including education. An avid reader and book-lover, Galef sponsored the “LOVE YOUR LIBRARY” custom plate, which helps fund the New York State Library’s Statewide Summer Reading Program.

The Art Barn, located at 211 North Highland Avenue in Ossining (phone: 914-762-4997) was voted “Best In Westchester” by *Westchester Magazine* for its custom framing, and also sells greeting cards, posters, art, jewelry, toys and art supplies. “I look forward to welcoming our customers and friends to the Art Barn to hear Stefan Lonce’s amazing story about FDR read aloud,” Carolyn Dilleme, the owner of The Art Barn, said.

A slideshow of Lonce’s **DRIVING WITH FDR 2012 COLLECTIBLE CALENDAR** can be viewed online at www.DrivingWithFDR.com. The calendar costs \$18.

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