

**LILLY GIOIA – WRITE-IN CANDIDATE FOR FORKS TOWNSHIP  
SUPERVISOR**

My background in both public relations and journalism gave me a unique opportunity to cover government at local, state and national levels, reporting on decision-makers, their policies and the impact those policies had on working families. Upon concluding a nearly twenty-five year career in New York, I chose early retirement and moved to Forks in 2001 to pursue freelance writing.

Active for more than twenty years in BPW/USA (Business & Professional Women's Clubs), I've served in many capacities, most recently completing a three-year term as president of the Lehigh Valley Business & Professional Women's organization. As a Legislation Chairperson in both New York and Pennsylvania BPW for seven years, I have advocated on behalf of working women's issues in Albany, New York, Harrisburg, PA and Washington, D.C. Resolutions I've initiated to aid returning women veterans in their transition back into civilian life and to assist single mothers in the employment interview process were adopted by both state and national Business & Professional Women's conventions as priority action items. As an Officer and Board Member, other issues I've worked to improve include: child care availability, health care, educational opportunities for women and girls, as well as pay equity.

From 2005 to 2007 I served as a member of the Northampton Election Commission. As a member of the Northampton County Democratic Committee, I've volunteered in several campaigns since moving to Forks Township.

I hold a Bachelor of Arts in Communication degree, summa cum laude, from Empire State College in New York. Community organizations to which I belong include the Greater Lehigh Valley Writer's Group, the Allentown Art Museum and the Institute for Jewish/Christian Understanding at Muhlenberg College. Other affiliations include membership in the Alice Paul Institute, the International Women's Writing Guild, and a retired membership in the Society of Professional Journalists.

My goals as a Forks Township Supervisor would include responsible budgetary oversight and enhancing intergenerational recreation in the Township. Urban sprawl and irresponsible development beyond the capacity of present infrastructure are things I would oppose. Preserving the beauty and natural environment of Forks is of utmost importance.