

**Resume: Susan Swanton**

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Position sought: Democratic Candidate for Gates Town Board, 2009

Previous candidacy:

- ran for Gates Town Supervisor on Working Families Party line 2003 & won 25% of the vote with no committee or funding
- ran for Gates Town Supervisor on Democratic, Independence and Working Families Party lines 2005 and won 45% of the vote
- ran for Gates Town Supervisor on Democratic, Independence and Working Families Party lines 2007 and won 49% of the vote

Employment:

- Director, Gates Public Library 9/1/65 – 3/21/03 Supervised 50+ employees, 23 volunteers with a library budget in excess of 1.2 million. Library famous for innovative services such as 1<sup>st</sup> Drive up Window in NYS [1993], Electronic & MP3 Books 2000-1 [www.gateslibrary.org](http://www.gateslibrary.org)
- Director, Warsaw Public Library, Warsaw, NY 1963-4
- Part time substitute school librarian, Gates Chili Central School 2003- present
- Temporary Branch Head, Highland Branch, Rochester Public Library 5/08 – 8/08
- Part time substitute public librarian, Rochester Public Library 8/08 – present

Education:

- AB Harvard University 1963 [American Government major]
- MLS Columbia University 1965

Present volunteer activities:

- Chairperson, Gates Democratic Committee, 3-04 - [Note Committee had been inactive since 1997] Attends all Town Board meetings and MCDC meetings whenever possible
- Secretary, Gates-Chili Chamber of Commerce, 5/04 - present , previously President '82, and Board member & Secretary mid 1970's to mid 1980's, 4/03 – 5/04 [www.gcchamber.com](http://www.gcchamber.com) Also serve on Chamber Awards and Program Committees
- Vestry 1/08- present, Usher, Church of the Epiphany [www.epiphanygatesny.org](http://www.epiphanygatesny.org)
- Board, Gates Chili Federal Credit Union, 3-09 - present
- Advisory Board & local interviewer, Harvard-Radcliffe Club of Rochester [many years] <http://clubs.harvard.edu/university/hrcrochester/>
- Secretary 11/08, Vice President, 11/07 -11/08 ,President 4/06-11/07 , Newsletter Editor, Empire Friends Roundtable, New York Library Association, 4/04- , Board member 4/03-
- Secretary, Friends of Gates Public Library 4/03-present
- Board member 2003 - present , Secretary, Friends of Rochester Public Library 5/04-5/05

- Secretary, Monroe County Library System Legislative Committee 2003 - present
- Coordinator, Friends Council 2003 –

Past volunteer activities:

- Founding President, Gates Historical Society, 1998 – 6/02; VP 6/02-6/03, Chair, Archives, Collection Management, and Arcadia Publications Committees 6/03 – 5/05  
[www.gateshistory.org](http://www.gateshistory.org)
- Secretary, Rochester Free-Net Board '99 -5/06; Volunteer Coordinator, '95-'05  
[www.ggw.org](http://www.ggw.org)
- Co-Chairperson, Town Library Directors Council, '78-'03
- Secretary, Gates Historic Preservation Commission 7/00 – 7/03 [Original Commission member and co-author of historical preservation ordinance adopted by Town of Gates 4/00]
- President, Drug and Alcohol Council Board (several years '80s), Board, '79 - '89
- Volunteer, Heads On Straight [festival seating concerts, War Memorial), '79 – '89
- Membership person, Rochester Chapter, Archeological Institute of America '99 – '03
- Board of Directors, Harvard Club of Rochester, early 1980's
- Several Gates-Chili School committees, including Continuing Education Advisory Board

Publications:

- 'Gates' Arcadia Publishers, a pictorial history of the Town of Gates 2005. Advocated and coordinated project for Gates Historical Society
- "Using a Collection Agency", chapter 4, Managing Overdues, a how to do it manual for professional librarians, Neal Schuman publishers, 1998
- "Minds Alive: What and Why Gifted Students Read for Pleasure" featured article in School Library Journal, March '84. [Article later selected for inclusion in Library Lit.15-The best of 1984; article also quoted in some textbooks for Children's Literature courses.]

Awards/ Recognition:

- Local Leader of the Year, 2004, Monroe County Democratic Committee
- Citizen of the Year 1994, Gates Chili Chamber of Commerce
- Who's Who in America, several editions

Family: 3 children

- Michael age 38 NYU '93; Univ. of Paris '98, doctoral student University of Leiden, the Netherlands; married Ingrid Santilli, Rome, Italy 2004; now linguist, Santo Domingo museum, Oaxaca, Mexico, 1 grandchild Valentina Swanton
- Kathryn age 23, Nazareth '07, MBA student, University of Leeds, Great Britain,
- Kristin age 23, SU '07; contract archeologist, Virginia Tech

Vital statistics:

- Born Rochester NY 11/29/1941 [age 67 currently]
- Grew up in Avon, NY, graduated from Avon Central 1959; also lived in Lynchburg, Virginia 1957-8, Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico Spring 1956