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Golubs host \$150-a-person fundraiser for congressional candidate Buhrmaster

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The family behind the **Price Chopper** supermarket chain is hosting a campaign fundraiser for Scotia businessman James Buhrmaster next week.

And for as little as \$150, supporters can get the chance to rub elbows with retiring state Sen. Joseph Bruno (R-Brunswick).

Buhrmaster, 62 and president of **Buhrmaster Energy Group** in Scotia, is a candidate in the race to replace retiring U.S. Rep. Michael McNulty (D-Green Island).

To date, Buhrmaster has won the endorsement of every Republican Party county committee in the congressional district.

Buhrmaster plans to pick up more campaign funding at a July 7 reception, held at the Niskayuna home of Neil Golub and Jane Golub. Neil Golub is president and CEO of **The Golub Corp.**, owner of the Price Chopper chain.

Scheduled attendees include Bruno, Assembly Minority Leader James Tedisco (R-Schenectady), Sen. Hugh Farley (R-Schenectady) and Assemblyman George Amedore (R-Rotterdam).

Like many candidates, Buhrmaster made a personal loan to his campaign to get it off the ground. Buhrmaster and his family members accounted for 98 percent of the \$107,600 he raised in the first few weeks of his campaign, through March 31.

The second quarter of fundraising ended on Monday; candidates have until July 15 to file totals with the Federal Election Commission.

"Several hundred people have contributed to the campaign, many of whom are well-known in the community," said Buhrmaster campaign spokesman Josh Hills.

Buhrmaster is one of two Republicans in the race. The other is 33-year-old Steven Vasquez, co-founder of **ReQuest Inc.**, a Ballston Spa company that makes high-end home entertainment systems.

Eight Democrats are also competing for the seat, including former Assemblyman Paul Tonko.

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