

Working Together to Strengthen Business In Our Community

President's Report

I hope this holiday season finds everyone happy and healthy. We have been lucky so far with the weather and have much to be thankful for.

The Niagara Electric Lights Parade was very successful. I heard more times than ever that the parade is becoming a tradition. Many people mark their calendars and look forward to it. It was a team effort with the Town of Niagara Police, our Town Supervisor Steve Richards, along with the Town Board members, the Town of Niagara Business and Professional Association and the Wheatfield Kiwanis. Working together was the recipe that made the parade spectacular.

In these trying times, I can say I am overwhelmingly proud of my community. The kindness people have for complete strangers still touches my heart. The generosity of our community came shining through at the Niagara Electric Lights Parade Food Drive. We received donations that totaled over 2,600 pounds of food to be given to the Community Missions. Thank you everyone for your kindness during this holiday season.

While we are talking about generosity, I want to acknowledge the businesses that helped make the Bicentennial Memorial for the Town of Niagara a reality. I would like to send a special thank you to Anthony Villani of Villani Landscaping for overseeing the project and providing the labor to install the

flagpoles and the monument. Also to Pete Mascaro and Chris Siccone of CMC Concrete for the cement pad, Greg Hasley of Lafarge for the stone and concrete, Robert Herman of the Town of Niagara Highway Department for transporting the stone and concrete, Kurt Villani Jr. of Gui's Lumber for providing the sono tube forms, Dave Miller and Robert Marasco of M&M Electric for wiring the lights for the monument, Mike Geyer of Lime Energy for the lights, Mike Rotella of Wayside Nursery for the shrubs, Mary Whelan of Fashion Outlets for the flagpoles, and The Whistle Pig for the food and beverages for the workers. It is the benevolence of all these people that is making the monument a reality. Everyone mentioned above went far beyond the call of duty. Thank you to all!

As you have read, our organization does a lot to help our community and its members. I know times are tough so I am not asking for monetary donations. But, I am asking for something more valuable, your time. I am reaching out to all the members for their help. If you can give an hour or two of your time you will be amazed at the good feeling you will have as well as what we can all accomplish together. We are always looking for people to help with promoting our scholarship, help with the parade, cleaning up Military Road on the day following the parade, the annual dinner, business mixers and the Steak Out, just to mention a few. Any help you can give would be greatly appreciated.

Gene Colucci, *President*

The Niagara Electric Lights Parade

The Niagara Electric Lights Parade this year was held on October 29th, a week earlier than usual. By all accounts, the parade was a thrill for those who attended.

The parade honored The Community Mission in Niagara Falls. The committee again agreed to hold the Care A Ton Food Drive. This marks the fourth year of that drive. We are very proud to announce this event to

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Reminder: Annual Dues

Please take a moment and make sure you renewed your membership and updated your contact information. We appreciate all of your support, and look forward to spending time with our members in the coming year. Any Questions email genes65@localnet.com

Calendar of Events
January 25th - Annual Awards Dinner
February 1st, Wed. ... Mixer @ Casa Nova's

Calling ALL Members ...

There will be a mixer at Casa Nova's on Military Road on Wednesday, February 1st, 2012. Before the mixer there will be a short meeting to review the by-laws and vote on proposed changes. Every member has a vote, so please come and voice your opinion.

Annual Awards Dinner

The TNBPA's Annual Awards Dinner will be held January 25th, 2012 at 6:00pm at the LaSalle Yacht Club, 73 South 68th Street. The tickets will be \$40.00. Watch the mail for your invitation. We hope to see everyone there.

Invitations will be out soon. If you want to register right away? Send check to:

Town of Niagara Business & Professional Association, Inc.
Attention: Dinner Committee
2068 Military Road
Niagara Falls, NY 14304

2012 Honorees:

Ron Villani of Villani's Lawn & Landscape, LLC
Business Person of the Year

Wegmans
Business of the Year

FinditQuick.com, Inc.
Employer of the Year

Jennifer Miller of Fashion Outlets Niagara Falls USA
Employee of the Year

Marguerite "Margie" Blakely
Citizen of the Year

The favor of your response is requested no later than January 13, 2012. \$40.00 per person, cash bar

@ Do we have your Email Address?

Our email updates are a paperless way for us to let you know some of our latest news, keep you up to date on what's going in the organization and ask your opinions. Please send us your email address so we can update our records and give your regular updates, fax number also helpful. Send to: genes65@localnet.com

We will not give your email address to any other organization.

Electric Lights Parade

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date has collected over 6,300 pounds of food. This year alone we donated over 2,600 pounds. We have certainly proven we care, several tons. Over three tons of food has been given to various food kitchens over the past four years. The parade was again one of the best in the area, thanks to the hard work of many people and organizations.

The parade began again with the raising of our countries' colors with our own Niagara Active Hose Fire Department & Upper Mt. Fire Company doing the honors. Ron Steen from the Niagara County Sheriff's Department thrilled the crowd with a helicopter flyover. The parade featured bands originating from Ontario, Canada to Batavia, New York. The floats were great. We had several fire departments and marching units to fill out the parade, which lasted over an hour. Business before, during and after the parade was very brisk in the town thanks to the thousands of spectators and participants.

Special thanks to the parade committee Maria Cardamone, Pat Brown, Ron Vilanni, Katie Tromblie, Gary Hunt, Sam Cimino, Butch Lore, David Karawick, David Miller, Pete Mascaro, Sandy Neureuter and the folks at Firth's Jewelers.

The parade is sponsored by Allied Waste and the Town of Niagara Town Board headed by Steve Richards. Associate sponsors include A to Z Rental, and Joe Cecconi's Chrysler Complex.

The parade presenters again were the Town of Niagara, Town of Niagara Business and Professional Association, Niagara U.S.A. Chamber and United Way of Greater Niagara, with the Niagara Wheatfield Kiwanis as parade marshals.

We now look forward to a parade in June of 2012 to honor the bicentennial in The Town of Niagara and also the Niagara Electric Lights parade of 2012 in late

Treasurer's Information

The board of directors has approved a budget for fiscal year 2012 which will be voted on for approval at the annual dinner in January by members present.

Proposed budget revenues \$24,300

Proposed budget expenses \$25,300

Membership dues remain \$50 annually

For detail budget contact Pat Brown

Membership News

Look at us Grow!

MetLife Financial

150 Essjay Road • Williamsville

716-695-6457 • Kevin Mohr

Dana Marie Photography

Dana Goodemote

5939 Miller Road • Niagara Falls

716-901-1798 • Dana Goodemote

Tuscarora Village

4001 Tuscarora Road

Niagara Falls, New York 14304

716-297-6232 • Robert Bracikoski

We look forward to meeting our new members at one of our upcoming events!

If you know of a businessperson who is not a member, please encourage them to join.

October or early November. We will need plenty of help and hope to see you get involved.

A special thanks goes out to Gary Strenkoski, Parade Chairman for all the time and hard work he puts into the parade to make it a success.

Parade winners are as follows:

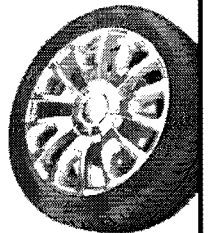
- In the floats category, first went to J&J Decking, second to Niagara Cerebral Palsy and third to A to Z Rental.
- For dance groups, winners were Adell's School of Dance and Jaclyn Carrolls' Dance.
- In the walkers category, first was the Boy Scouts, second was the Girl Scouts and third was the Town of Niagara Lions Club.
- The novelty winner was Buffalo Clown Alley.
- In color guards, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office took first, WNY Maritime Charter School was second and the Niagara Falls Police Department was third.

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