

Niagara Area Foundation announces council members, 2022 officers

The Niagara Area Foundation announced its new council members and the officers elected for the 2022 term.

“The Niagara Area Foundation Council believes in the future of Niagara County and, together with our community partners, it is dedicated to strengthening the Niagara Region by addressing critical needs to improve lives,” said Molly Anderson, Niagara Area Foundation chair. “This group of dedicated volunteer leaders is committed to improving the lives of the residents of Niagara County.”

“Niagara Area Foundation has a 20-year track record in our community, and we are looking strategically at how to make the most impact with our resources.”

New 2022 Niagara Area Foundation Council members include:

✓ Julie R. Berrigan, M.S., of Lewiston

✓ Marianne E. Koenig, Lockport

✓ Patricia Wrobel, North Tonawanda

✓ Richard Zucco, Niagara Falls
Officers of the board of directors for 2022 are:

✓ Molly Anderson, chair

✓ Jennifer Pauly, vice chair

✓ Margaret Nucci, secretary

✓ Jane Killewald, treasurer

In 2021, the Niagara Area Foundation awarded more than \$58,000 in grants to support programs that have maximum positive impact on Niagara County in the areas of health, human services, arts, civic needs, community development, education and the environment, with an emphasis on positive youth development. To date, the Niagara Area Foundation, a geographic division of the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, has awarded more than \$4.5 million in grants to numerous organizations that are located in – and support – the Niagara Region.

Founded in 2000 as a division

of the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, the Niagara Area Foundation’s goal is to provide support for nonprofit organizations, and philanthropic initiatives for Niagara County residents. Currently, the Niagara Area Foundation has more than \$8 million in assets. Visit www.TheNiagaraAreaFoundation.org.

For more than a century, the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo has enhanced and encouraged long-term philanthropy in the Western New York community. A 501 (c) (3) organization, the Community Foundation’s mission is: Connecting people, ideas and resources to improve lives in Western New York. Established in 1919, the Community Foundation has made the most of the generosity of individuals, families, foundations and organizations who entrust charitable assets to the Community Foundation’s care. Learn more at crgb.org.

Memorial Medical Center updates patient visitation

Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center has revised its visitation policy. The updated plan removes the previous proof of coronavirus vaccination requirement for all visitors who are accompanying a patient for a service or visiting an inpatient.

The policy will be reviewed regularly and will remain in effect until further notice.

Changes to visitors not permitted include:

- Visitors who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 must be afebrile for at least 24 hours and all other symptoms improving, and at least 10 days have passed from date of diagnosis. This is without exception.
- Individuals who have been in

contact with someone who is actively infected with COVID-19 or had contact with a person who is actively under investigation for COVID-19 (PUI) within five days. This is without exception.

All visitors will continue to be required to wear an approved face covering at all times during their visit. Visitors who do not have such a covering will be issued one by the medical center and instructed in its proper use to ensure both mouth and nose are covered.

In addition, visitors will continue to be prohibited from visiting a patient with an active diagnosis of COVID-19. In addition, any visitors exhibiting signs and symptoms of an illness, or has an

illness that could be transferred to patients, will not be permitted to visit.

A press release noted, “The purpose of these revisions is to maintain Memorial’s commitment to quality care in a safe environment. To view more policy detail, please visit: <https://nfmcc.org/memorial-medical-center-revises-patient-visitation/>.”

Youngstown Lions slate St. Patrick’s ‘Cash Bash’ raffle

The Youngstown Lions Club President Terry Cummings announced the club would hold its annual St. Patrick’s “Cash Bash” raffle this year in a virtual format, starting at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 17.

“The club has decided to hold a ‘no in-person’ event without the usual party due to the COVID-19 concerns,” Cummings said.

“Many worthwhile charities have asked the Lions for their assistance during the pandemic and, without the community’s continual support of the ‘Cash Bash’ fundraiser, it would be impossible for the Youngstown Lions to address their needs.”

The Lions said two cash drawings would be held on St. Patrick’s Day, with prizes totaling \$3,400. A list of winners will be posted online via Facebook at (www.facebook.com/youngstownNYLionsClub) and the club website: (www.youngstownlionsclub.org).

Proceeds benefit Youngstown Lions Park in the village, the Youngstown Lions Lew-Port scholarship fund and other Lions-supported charities.

Tickets are now available for a \$20 donation at area businesses, including the Youngstown Vil-

lage Diner, Victoria’s Hair Care, and Hill of Beans Coffee Shop, or from any Youngstown Lions member. They may also be purchased from Susanne DeJoseph at 716-807-8875, email at sdejoseph9@gmail.com; Richard Allen at 716-870-9722, email at allen14174@roadrunner.com; or from Lions members displaying a Youngstown Lions Club lawn sign at their residences.

“We Lions hope that, after this pandemic, we are able to hold this fundraiser along with entertainment, food and refreshments again,” Cummings said. “The Youngstown Lions Club would like to thank the community for their continued support of Lions fundraisers.”

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