



Niagara Falls Lions Club charter night celebration



The Niagara Falls Community Lions, founded more than 18 months ago, celebrated its charter night at the Niagara Riverside Resort earlier this month. During the event, the club was presented with its official charter certificate, which was signed by all its membership in attendance.

"This celebration was a long time coming. The club was officially chartered in February of 2020 but, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the celebration event was postponed until now," Presi-

dent Lion Rob Nichols said. "We look forward to partnering with the City of Niagara Falls and community on upcoming service projects."

In attendance were Lions from across the Western New York district, including sponsoring club the Tonawanda Erie Canal Gateway Lions, and Lions from Angola, East Aurora, Grand Island, Kenmore, Lewiston, Newfane, Town of Niagara, Wilson and Youngstown. The celebration was supported by members of the

City of Niagara Falls community. Past District Gov. Regina Ceconi served as the master of ceremonies.

Lion Nicole Laster received the "Lion of the Year Award" for her work and dedication as the club's membership chairwoman. The club banner was presented by Guiding Lion Jeremy Schnurr, and the Tonawanda Erie Canal Gateway Lions Club. The club gavel was presented by chairman and Past District Gov. Jeff Jarvis on behalf of the 20-N Past District Governors Associations, and club bell was presented by

Schnurr and Guiding Lion Tom Witkowski.

Zone Chair Lois Kaminski presented the club with a \$200 donation from the Town of Youngstown Lions Club. Town of Niagara Lions Theresa White, President Edward Sturgeon, Mike Hoplight and Angelo Onevelo presented the club with "legacy items" from the former Niagara Falls Club, which was active from 1923-2012.

Lions clubs work within the community focusing on service activities such as vision, hunger, diabetes, childhood cancer, and the environment – in addition to

addressing individual humanitarian and unique, local community needs.

Lion clubs serve communities throughout Western New York, including Erie, Niagara, Chautauqua and Cattaraugus counties.

The New York State Lions Convention will be held in Niagara Falls in May 2022, where Lions from across the state and Bermuda will be in attendance.

Those interested in learning more about the Niagara Falls Community Lions can visit its Facebook page or email nfcommunitylions@gmail.com.

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IN THE NEWS

Memorial pediatric COVID vaccine clinic

Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center will provide a pediatric COVID-19 vaccination clinic.

The Niagara Falls City School District will host a clinic from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, at Harry F. Abate Elementary (1625 Lockport St., Niagara Falls).

At this time, Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 vaccination shots will be available for children aged 5-11, as well as booster vaccines for individuals who have received the Pfizer BioNTech or Moderna vaccine at least six months ago, and for individuals who received a Johnson & Johnson vaccine at least two months ago.

Walk-ins are welcome, but pre-registration is encouraged by visiting tinyurl.com/NFMCC-COVID-19-Booster or calling 716-278-4030.

A press release noted, "Memo-

rial is proud to partner with the Niagara County Department of Health, who provided the vaccine for these clinics, and the Niagara Falls Health Equity Task Force. The Niagara Falls Health Equity Task Force, a group consisting of more than 20 nonprofit leaders, works to promote care accessibility and health equity."

Transportation is available by calling the Niagara Falls Health Equity Task Force at 716-263-5770. Eligibility guidelines for COVID vaccination is available at www.nfmmc.org/vaccine.

Steed hosts Thanksgiving takeout dinner

Niagara County Legislator Owen Steed will host his annual Thanksgiving dinner for local families on Monday, Nov. 22. Rather than a sit-down dinner, residents will pick up meals to take home and enjoy. Steed said the format change was primarily

based on the rise in COVID-19 cases.

"We are always happy to provide families with a great Thanksgiving dinner that includes turkey, mashed potatoes, corn, beans and so on," Steed said. "But we also want to keep everyone safe as we enter the holiday season, so it seemed best to do this year's dinner as takeout."

The event will be held from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22, at the Doris W. Jones Family Resource Building, 3001 Ninth St., Niagara Falls. All are welcome, but masks are required for entry.

"I want to thank the Niagara Falls Police Department, the Niagara Falls Housing Authority, Assemblyman Angelo Morinello, Electric City Lodge and NCCC for sponsoring our Thanksgiving event," Steed said. "Although I wish we were all enjoying this meal together, I still happy we can provide a great dinner to our community members."