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Wydysh encourages vote for Seaman in DA race

BY BECKY WYDYSH
Niagara County Legislature Chairwoman
On Nov. 3, residents will have the opportunity to vote for many important positions throughout our county, state and country. In Niagara County, we will be voting for our next district attorney. As a longtime friend and coworker, I ask that you give your support to candidate Brian Seaman.
I had the privilege of working with Brian in the District Attorney's Office for the first two of his

seven years there. Shortly after starting, he became known for his hard work and dedication to the victims of the crimes he prosecuted. He gained valuable experience in town and city courts, but more importantly, handled hundreds of high-profile and complex felony cases, including murders, home invasions, the shooting of police officers, and the financial abuse of elderly victims.
Born and raised in Niagara County, Brian chose to raise his

own family here, as well. Over the years, I've watched him work as a dedicated and caring attorney, live true to his strong faith-based values, and become the dedicated husband and father he is now. I've always described Brian as "probably the most decent human being I have ever met." And while that might sound like a convenient campaign phrase, I can assure you I have been making that statement for several years – well before I had any idea he would be running

for an elected position. It is truly how I feel.
Just as important as his extensive legal background, is his ability to run a large office full of attorneys and support staff. Brian has gained the respect of his colleagues, local law enforcement agencies, and has the experience of running his own private law firm. He will see that justice is served and our community is safe. Please vote for Brian Seaman for district attorney on Election Day!

Niagara Falls Salvation Army '24-Hour Kettle' marathon

BY MAJ. STEPHEN CARROLL JR.
Commanding Officer
The Salvation Army, Niagara Falls Citadel Corps
Dear Salvation Army board members (and friends),
"The reports of my death are greatly exaggerated." My family was confined to our house for almost three weeks while we cleared quarantine and received our negative test results.
However, during our quarantine, The Salvation Army has marched along. We passed the 100,000 meals distributed milestone! We finalized our year-end budget so that we would end in the black for the first time in over a decade. We contributed to our various reserve accounts and placed \$30,000 on deposit at divisional headquarters. This will guarantee that our various internal bills (insurance, bookkeeping, tech support etc.) are covered for at least six months of next year. Finally, we have already begun the online portion of our annual Red Kettle Christmas campaign.
As the holiday season approach-

es, we are concerned about our Red Kettle effort. This six-to-eight-week fundraising event has been our primary source of support for 115 years. Last year, it raised a record \$96,000. However, there are many questions about this year's Red Kettle campaign: How many locations will we lose due to COVID-19? How will the closed border impact our foot traffic? With so many people impacted by the health crisis, will giving simply be down?
The Red Kettle effort is our single largest fundraising campaign. It accounts for one-third of our entire yearly budget. While we have historically relied primarily on multiple \$1 donations, we have to think differently this year. Without a good Red Kettle effort, we will not be able to continue to serve these record numbers. We simply won't have the resources.
How to Help
•"Rescue Christmas Online": We have begun releasing a series of fun online videos and still pictures with a link to our direct donation

page. The goal of these videos is to solicit donations, but it is also to generate excitement around a fundraising campaign that has always focused everyone giving rather than just a small segment of our community.
•"24-Hour Kettle" marathon: From Friday, Nov. 27, through Saturday, Nov. 28, I will be manning a red kettle in front of the Sheraton at Niagara Falls on Third Street. I will be working my kettle non-stop regardless of temperature or weather, only breaking to use the bathroom. Our hope is to bring attention to the conditions that many of our neighbors face on a regular basis.
The real fundraising part of this event will come through sponsorships. Our hope is to have each hour sponsored with a minimum of \$500. This can come through either one or multiple sponsors. The Sheraton has also agreed to run a special promotion related to the "24-Hour Kettle," which we will hear more about at our meeting on the 14th of October.

We will run a livestream on the "24-Hour Kettle" to keep the community informed of our progress and Dan Tighe has promised to keep me "coffed up" during the event. We will need your help securing sponsors.
Our hope is that, during this 24-hour marathon, we can recognize 24 businesses/groups/or individuals willing to sponsor The Salvation Army's 2020 Red Kettle campaign. It is my belief that, with your help, we can generate enough momentum to carry us all the way to our \$110,000 goal, allowing us to continue to meet human need at our increased levels.
Please reach out to me with any and all ideas to help us move this year's campaign forward!
Soli Deo Gloria
For more information, Carroll can be reached at The Salvation Army of Niagara Falls, 7018 Buffalo Ave., PO Box 86, Niagara Falls, NY 14304. Call 283-7697 or visit www.empire.salvationarmy.org/EmpireNY/Niagara-falls.

Says Ceretto is 'true independent voice'

It is with great pleasure that I am able to share some thoughts with you about John Dominic Ceretto II, candidate for Niagara County district attorney. I have known John for several years. His determination and passion for a career in law was evident from the very beginning. John has always

been a true leader. He is compassionate, caring and endearing. He treats everyone with respect and dignity. He is always there to lend a helping hand and will listen to anyone in need.
As former Niagara County Independence Party chairperson, I can personally attest to John's

integrity, work ethic and loyalty to public service.
On Election Day, John will be one of two candidates for district attorney. In today's world, now more than ever, I believe it is of the utmost importance that we elect leaders who will serve all of the people.

Your consideration for John on Election Day would be greatly appreciated. I look forward to casting my vote for a true independent choice with a true independent voice! John Dominic Ceretto II, candidate for Niagara County district attorney.
Eileen C. Koszelak

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