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UPCOMING EVENTS

December 7, 8	<i>Old Newsboys Day</i>
December 10	<i>Institute for Veterans and Military Families</i> ***CLUB ELECTIONS***
December 15	<i>Samaritan Center</i> 12:30
December 19	<i>Salvation Army Christmas Bureau, OnCenter</i> 1:30-4:30
December 22	<i>Dan Sieberg, Rescue Mission CEO</i>
December 24/31	<i>No Meetings</i>
January 7	<i>Katelyn Kriesel, Reinvest CNY</i>
January 14	<i>Dr. Steven King</i>
January 21	<i>Martin Luther King Day</i> <i>No Meeting</i>

Unless otherwise noted, meeting are held on Mondays from 12:10 to 1:10 at Traditions at the Links at Erie Village in East Syracuse

The meeting was called to order by President Linda Ervin with the singing of *My Country 'Tis of Thee* and the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Nikki Trifunovski. The invocation was given by Richard Gingold.

VISITORS AND GUESTS

Brian Miller, to be inducted today as a member; and, Linda LaMura, president of LeMoyne College and Joe Marina, SJ, provost.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mark Hansen announced that we are scheduled for the **Salvation Army Christmas Bureau toy distribution** on Wednesday, December 19th from 1:30 - 4:30. It is a great event, so if you are interested in helping, you must sign up or contact Mark Hansen at mhansen@twcny.rr.com no later than December 9th.
- Dave Ziemba informed all that we will be **ringing the bells for the Salvation Army** on Friday and Saturday, the 21st and 22nd. Please sign up for the available time slots.
- We also have an upcoming serving at the **Samaritan Center** on Saturday, December 15th. If you are not able to attend, you can bring any

toiletries, hats, scarves, gloves, socks, etc. to next week's meeting.

- Past-President James Wright reminded members that next week's meeting will be club elections for Board Openings next year as well as for President-Elect. Please attend this important meeting. We also have not had any volunteers for the President-Elect position, so please step up!

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

Cheryl Matt, Membership Chair, presented **Brian Miller** for induction to the Club. Brian was sponsored by Nikki Trifunovski.

Brian was born and raised in the Midwest. He lived in 7 States including Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, and Texas before moving to Upstate NY. He graduated from Jamesville Dewitt



High School and then graduated from Indiana University in Bloomington with a B.S. in Marketing. He worked for 5 years at various companies in the Midwest including Marathon Electric, Siemens, and Litton Industries in the Electric Engineering field. In 1985, Brian returned to Syracuse and attended Syracuse University for his MBA in Finance and Computer Science. After graduation, he was hired by Niagara Mohawk and worked at National Grid for 30 years in various managerial capacities with Key Project responsibilities in NY, MA, RI and NH. Brian is a Certified Energy Manager and Six Sigma Black Belt professional. In 2016, he retired from National Grid after a distinguished career and became the General Manager for HMT/RESA Power responsible for

leading the day to day operation of a privately-owned company that provides Engineering and Field Service support to a diverse customer base consisting of utilities, independent power generation facilities, industrial facilities, universities, municipalities, hospitals and renewable energy installations. Currently, he is involved in private Energy Consulting.

Brian was married in 1991 to his wife Nancy and has two children Nicholas aged 21 attending OCC and Marissa aged 17 who is a Senior at CNS. He resides in Cicero NY and is an avid golfer and traveler.

On the Rotary front, Brian was a past member of Oswego and Utica Rotary Clubs. He was a Board member in Utica and his past District 7150 responsibilities included being involved in RYLA and being the Youth Exchange Country representative for Venezuela and Ecuador and RYLA. His family has hosted 8 Exchange students for District 7150 over the years including Italy, Poland, Sweden, Japan, Germany, Ecuador, Venezuela, and New Zealand. Brian is also a Paul Harris fellow.

Welcome, Brian to Dewitt Rotary. We all are pleased that you are able to join with us.

PROGRAM

Iris Evans introduced the president of LeMoyne College, Linda LaMura and provost, Joe Marina.

Dr. Linda M. LeMura became the 14th president of Le Moyne College in Syracuse, N.Y., on July 1, 2014. She is the first female layperson to ascend to the



presidency of a Jesuit institution in the United States. Since becoming president, her accomplishments include:

completion of a strategic plan titled *Sempre*

Avanti (Always Forward), which starts by reinforcing

Le Moyne's Ignatian roots as it sets the foundation for the next five years; naming of the Purcell School of Professional Studies; launching of master's programs in Occupational Therapy and Family Nurse Practitioner; the rollout of the new Greatness meets Goodness branding campaign; completion of the renovation of the Coyne Science Center; the receipt of a grant through New York's Regional Economic Development Council, used to construct the Quantitative Reasoning Center; and, the launch of the Manresa program that prepares all students to develop meaningful career pathways, a central initiative in *Sempre Avanti*. During her time as president, the College has experienced three consecutive record-breaking fundraising years and several students have earned scholarships through the prestigious Fulbright Program.

The College continues to receive national recognition by US World and News Report, the Princeton Review, the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, and was ranked by College Choice as one of the best Catholic colleges in the U.S.

Before being named president, Dr. LeMura served for seven years as the College's provost and vice president for academic affairs. In that capacity, she played a pivotal role in the revision of the College's Core curriculum, the establishment of the Madden School of Business, and the renovation and expansion of Le Moyne's science facilities. She joined the College in 2003 as dean of arts and sciences. Prior to Le Moyne, she served as a professor, graduate program director and associate dean at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania. Her research interests include pediatric obesity, pediatric applied physiology, lipid and energy metabolism, and she has taught anatomy and physiology, bioethics and the biology of aging. She has been a research consultant for the U.S. and the Italian Olympic Committees and is the author of 33 peer-reviewed manuscripts, 26 grant proposals, and a textbook translated into multiple languages.

A Fellow of the American College of Sports Medicine, she has served on the boards of the Council of Independent Colleges and Universities, CenterState CEO, College of the Holy Cross, the Mission and Identity Advisory Committee of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities, Regional Economic Development Council in Central New York, Syracuse 20/20, Syracuse Symphony, the Everson Museum, and the Syracuse International Film Festival.

A summa cum laude graduate of Niagara University, she received an M.S. and Ph.D. in applied physiology from Syracuse University. She and her husband, Dr. Lawrence Tanner, a professor of environmental systems science at Le Moyne, have a daughter, Emily.

"Father Marina brings to Le Moyne a strong and impressive array of academic experiences and credentials, and I'm particularly excited by his ability



to convey the enduring importance of a liberal arts education, highlighted in our college core curriculum, at a time when some have challenged its value and relevance," said President Linda LeMura.

"The breadth and depth of his background are extraordinary; he has spent time as an administrator, teacher, trustee and student at institutions that are among the strongest liberal arts traditions in this country, including Boston College, Providence College, Fordham University, St. John's University and Le Moyne College. His versatility, Jesuit training, eloquence and knowledge of Le Moyne will benefit the College significantly, particularly in the areas of admissions and fundraising. Further, his tone and temperament will help advance collaborative governance at Le Moyne." She added that Father Marina was sought after by four other Jesuit universities and was missioned to Le Moyne after a thorough discernment process with his superiors.

His experience includes working as the dean of the School of Continuing Education at Providence College, associate provost and interim chair of the

Department of Education at Le Moyne College, assistant dean for the College of Science and Mathematics at Montclair State University, and assistant dean for Metropolitan College at St. John's University. He also taught at both Providence (as a special lecturer in religious studies) and St. John's (as an instructor of mathematics). For the past three years, he has served as pastor at the Church of St. Francis Xavier in New York City.

Father Marina currently serves as a trustee with Regis University and Le Moyne College, and previously was on the boards of both Canisius College and Xavier High School. His service at Regis, Canisius, and Le Moyne includes membership on the academic affairs committees at each institution.

Father Marina holds a Doctor of Philosophy in administration and supervision from Fordham University, and three master's degrees -- a Master of Divinity and a Master of Theology (both from Boston College's School of Theology and Ministry), and a Master of Science in Secondary Education from St. John's University. He received a Bachelor of Science in Physical Sciences, with a theology minor, at St. John's. His research interests include leadership and organizational change, and, in area of theology, scripture and the problem of non-belief. He entered the Society of Jesus in 2004 and was ordained to the priesthood in 2012.

President LeMura noted that Father Marina was selected from a strong pool of candidates and after consultation with faculty, student government leadership, members of the Board of Trustees, vice presidents, and the College's three deans. He replaces Dr. Thomas Brockelman, who has served as interim provost since 2014. "I would like to thank Dr. Brockelman for his dedication and hard work as interim provost; he has been a wonderful colleague and someone I have relied on extensively," she said.

HAPPY "JAY" DOLLARS

Mel Rubenstein, Leo Eisner, Tom Carafa, Iris Evans, Joe Richardson, Larry Schunck, Steve Woiler, JoAnne Grower, Betty Lamb, Nikki Trifunovski, Ed Glassberg.

50-50 was won by Tom Heister.

Respectfully submitted,

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