

Lewiston Public Library celebrates 125 years of service



Local officials and supporters gathered to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Lewiston Public Library on Monday. From left: New York State Assemblyman Angelo Morinello, New York State Senate Minority Leader Rob Ortt, Library Board of Trustees President Christopher Pannozzo, Town of Lewiston Supervisor Steve Broderick and Niagara County Legislator Michael Casale.



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The Lewiston Public Library held a ceremony on Monday, July 6, celebrating its 125 years of service to the community. The event helped kickoff the library's six-week summer reading program.

Christopher Pannozzo, president of the volunteer board of trustees, welcomed local elected leaders, supporters and area residents for the ceremony.

New York State Senate Minority Leader Rob Ortt, Assemblyman Angelo Morinello, Niagara County Legislator Michael Casale, Town of Lewiston Supervisor Steve Broderick and NIOGA Executive Director Thomas Bindeman addressed the group.

The Lewiston Public Library was established in 1901 by the Men's Club of Lewiston. To build the library's collection, the club hosted a New Year's party and asked each guest to bring two books. U.S. Vice President Theodore Roosevelt was invited to the New Year's party and, although unable to attend, sent an autographed copy of his book on Oliver Cromwell, which remains on display in the library's Local History Room.

When the new library was dedicated in 1991, former U.S. presidents Ford, Carter, Nixon and Reagan contributed autographed copies of their books to add to this collection.

The Lewiston Public Library was chartered as a Free Library in 1902. For many years, support was maintained through public subscriptions, with members of the Lewiston Service Guild collecting door-to-door to raise operating funds. Today, the library continues to serve through generous donations and tax dollars.

The library is governed by a volunteer board of trustees with support from the "Friends of the Library" volunteers. Jill Palermo is executive director.

Lions to host picnic for visually impaired

Information and photos courtesy of the Town of Wheatfield Lions Club

The Lions Clubs of WNY will sponsor a picnic for the visually impaired from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, July 19, at Five Senses Nature Park (home of Town of Wheatfield Lions Club), 6535 Ward Road, Wheatfield.

Lion Walt Garrow shared, "We invite all Lions to come serve and assist. This will include guiding our guests throughout our facility and seating. Then we serve first corn on the cob and then a full chicken dinner.

He explained, This is organized by a handful of local Lions Clubs, working together to provide a great dinner and afternoon of fun



"Remember, the Lions Clubs motto is 'We Serve.' Our typical service areas include: blind, diabetics, hunger, environment, pediatric cancer, youth, disaster relief, and humanitarian needs. For our neighbors, we are there to help. For international disasters, we are there. With our Wheatfield Club, if someone needs medical equipment, we provide at no cost.

"Lions Clubs International operates globally with over 1.4 million members across roughly 49,000 local clubs in more than 200 countries. The organization's foundation (LCIF) has awarded more than \$1.3 billion in grants over its lifetime."

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Rotary's 1.2 million men and women are part of 35,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.



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for the Western New York visually impaired/blind. We have names of many of the visually impaired and we call them to determine their participation interests and availability, then we make arrangements to pick them up and drive them to the event.

"This is a service and there are no costs to our guests. This is where multiple Lions Clubs come together, share duties, and work

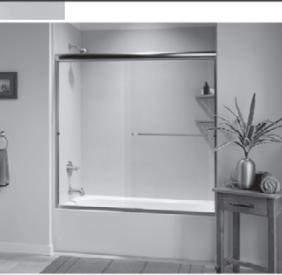
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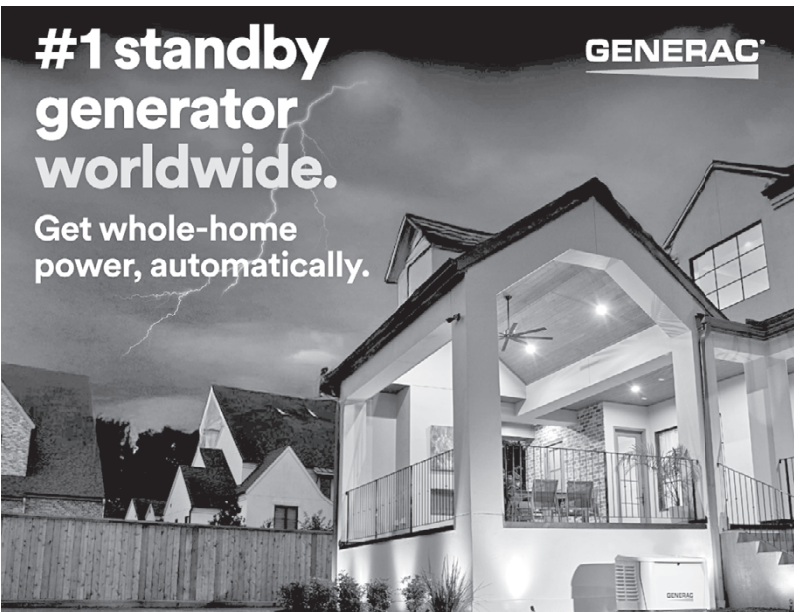
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