



HAL President Ken Slaughaupt with former Mayor Terry Collesano, Trustee Dan Gibson, counsel Joseph Leone Jr. and Mayor Anne Welch. • Slaughaupt with Jeff Williams and Bill Game.

'Lewiston Jeopardy' raises funds for HAL; honors Frontier House sale

The Historical Association of Lewiston held its annual "Lewiston Jeopardy" beer and pizza night fundraiser Thursday at the Brickyard Brewing Company.

Four teams of local history experts competed for bragging rights and trophies – team one: Mayor Anne Welch, husband Bob Welch, and Niagara County Assistant District Attor-

ney Peter Wydysh; team two: Peter Coppins, Trustee Daniel Gibson and Bill McEvoy; team three: Curt Stuart, Michael Vitch and Lisa Lannon; and team four, which won: Sandy Blackwell Yates, Ralph Borelli and Tim Miller.

In between rounds, the audience could answer questions. A correct guess earned the observer one raffle

ticket, while an incorrect answer resulted in a \$5 donation to HAL.

Lee Simonson served as host and emcee. He was accompanied by Leandra Collesano and Lisa Ohanessian. BBC staff served house-rub chicken wings, cheese and pepperoni and cheese pizza, beer and soft drinks.

The event boasted several sponsors, including speakers Rocco DelGrosso of Krislyn Co. LLC, Michael Ragusa of Vision Financial Group, and Niagara County Legislature Chairwoman Rebecca Wydysh.

Special recognition went to the individuals responsible for the 2018-19 sale of the Frontier House from Hastings Lewiston to 4600 LLC Group (Bill Paladino/Ellicott Development, Lewiston residents Jeffrey Williams and Jerry Williams, and William Game), as facilitated by the Village of Lewiston Board of Trustees and counsel Joseph Leone Jr.

HAL President Ken Slaughaupt presented the following awards:

- Former Mayor Terry Collesano received the Benjamin Barton Leadership Award for leading the village's successful effort to purchase the historic building and grounds.
- The Friends of History Award was presented to Collesano's 2018 Village Board colleagues, Victor Eydt, Dan Gibson, Nick Conde and posthumously to Bruce Sutherland. Gibson accepted.
- The Calvin Hotchkiss Victory



Award was given to Mayor Anne Welch.

•The Josiah Tryon Achievement Award was presented to Leone, who provided legal work during the negotiations to acquire and transfer the Frontier House property.

•The Business of the Year award was bestowed upon 4600 LLC Group. Jeff Williams and Game accepted.

•Historical Association of Lewiston board member Jeffrey Streb was honored with the Volunteer of the Year Award for his leadership in

completing the most successful membership campaign ever conducted by the nonprofit group. His effort saw a 40% increase in annual memberships.

•Village of Lewiston Historian Russell Piper was the recipient of the Bruce Sutherland Outstanding Contribution Award for his stewardship of the Village of Lewiston cemetery located next to the First Presbyterian Church. Piper could not attend.

•NFP GM/Managing Editor Joshua Maloni contributed to this report and took the photos. See more at www.wny-papers.com.



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'The Eclipse: A Step Back in Time'

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From 2-4:30 p.m. that day, HAL will present "The Eclipse: A Step Back in Time." A promotional poster states, "Experience Lewiston's history as day turns to night. Take a step back in time to the 1820s and the 'Era of Good Feelings' as the village is cloaked in totality by the celestial 'Ring of Fire.'"

Simonson said, "At 2 o'clock, the partial eclipse starts – and whether it's sunny or whether it's cloudy doesn't matter; it will be dark. The partial eclipse starts at 2 o'clock. The total eclipse is going to be at 3:18 in the afternoon. At 3:18, it'll be a total eclipse for about four minutes, and then it will start back into getting light until 4:30.

"We're going to transform Center Street, which is going to be closed, Center Street will be closed. ... It's going to be 1820s-themed, and it's going to be spectacular."

More event details will be announced closer to the event date.

On the NASA website, a section dedicated to the 2024 total eclipse reads, "A total solar eclipse will cross North America, passing over Mexico, the United States, and Canada. A total solar eclipse happens when the Moon passes



A look at part of the "The Eclipse: A Step Back in Time" promotional poster.

between the Sun and Earth, completely blocking the face of the Sun. The sky will darken as if it were dawn or dusk.

"Safety is the number one priority when viewing a total solar eclipse. Be sure you're familiar with when you need to wear spe-

cialized eye protection designed for solar viewing by reviewing these safety guidelines."

The landing page notes, "After the total eclipse on April 8, 2024, the next total solar eclipse that can be seen from the contiguous United States will be on Aug. 23, 2044."