

Tom Mallon receives Uplinger Award – highest honor in NYS



Lion Tom Mallon receives the Uplinger Award.

On Saturday, July 25, the Barker Lions installed the 2020-21 officers and presented various awards. Lion Tom Mallon was presented with the Robert J. Uplinger Award. Established in 1993, the Robert J. Uplinger Distinguished Service Award honors outstanding Lions and non-Lions who perform exemplary service to a club, district or community. These honorees possess the highest examples of Lionistic character, ideals, purpose and service.

A press release said, "Lion Tom was recognized for his service to the club and to the youth of the community. He has aided the club with the construction of a chicken barbecue pit, a project that allowed students in Barker to learn the art of welding. He has created plaques for the club. Whenever called upon, he has volunteered his time to help the club. As a teacher in Barker Central School, he has guided and inspired many students in his technology classes. Barker Lions were excited to present this award to him."

The induction ceremony was

conducted by Past District Gov. Jeff Jarvis. Tim Leising was installed as president. Other officers include: vice presidents Scott Ecker, Dale Corwin and Philip Russell; board members Wayne Rider, Tom Mallon, Kurt Lutz and Chris Czelusta; Secretary Matt Costello; Treasurer Jim Bittner; Lion Tamer Art Harris; and Tail Twister Abe Sullivan.

Jarvis also installed a new member, Aaron Watts. Outgoing President Tom Ware acknowledged many who helped make this year a success. Lion Tina Linderman received the Most Distinguished Lion Award while Margo Sue Bittner received the Lion of the Year.

The club meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. Each session includes dinner and speaker. For more information about the Barker Lions and its projects, go to www.BarkerLions.org. To become involved in one of the projects, to speak at a meeting or to be a guest at a meeting, call 778-7001 or email Roar@BarkerLions.org.

Alderman-at-Large Tylec joins NT Police for midnight shift ride-along



Pictured, from left: Officer Brocklehurst, Officer Cosentino, Officer Swick, Alderman Tylec, Officer Herbert and Lt. Glass.

In a showing of commitment during uncertain times, Alderman-at-Large Austin Tylec of the City of North Tonawanda joined the NT Police Department for a ride-along during a midnight shift.

Tylec, an advocate for the department since taking office, donned equipment provided by the department, including a bulletproof vest, and accompanied Officer Erik Herbert on his shift from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. On the shift, Tylec recalled events ranging from officers dealing with drug-related crimes and domestic disputes, to community members thanking the officers for their service and purchasing them food.

Tylec said his goal was to experience firsthand the work being done by officers of the NTPD in the community and to get a better understanding of how members of local law enforcement are feeling in this current climate.

"We need our police," Tylec said. "When bad things happen in our community, we know we can call on them, we know we can trust in them, and I am grateful for them."

Tylec has been a vocal advocate for police during his tenure – lack of funding of police department requests was a crux of Tylec's "nay" vote on the most recent city budget. Tylec said he believes, oftentimes, politicians are unaware of the impact of policy they create

that law enforcement must implement – a belief expressed by several in the law enforcement community that Tylec has held discussions with.

"With the newly adopted criminal justice reform coming out of Albany, I don't think there is any way for an elected official to fully grasp how this affects the day-to-day jobs of our members of law enforcement without experiencing it first hand – this experience was eye opening," Tylec said.

Tylec's press release said, "The NTPD, during this time of social distancing and a concern for public health, will likely be unable to carry out its annual community involved events. These events include National Night Out, child safety seat checks, 'Hot Dogs for Seniors' and 'Coffee with a Cop.'"

"I think it's more important now than ever to have events that connect the residents with their local law enforcement," Tylec said.

He is working with the newly elected Police Benevolent Association President and Chief Krantz to host a variety of socially distanced community events that

will bring the community together and "bridge the gap between the people of North Tonawanda and law enforcement." Tylec also said he hopes other community leaders will take advantage of opportunities to familiarize themselves and connect with the local law enforcement community.

Diamonds in the Ruff Animal Rescue to hold outdoor Basket Raffle

Diamonds in the Ruff Animal Rescue will be stage an outdoor basket raffle from 11 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, at Brad Angelo Lanes, 6280 S. Transit Road, Lockport.

Tickets are \$5/sheet, 5 sheets for \$20. Winners can pick their baskets up until 6 p.m.

Hot dogs and burgers will be available.

Masks must be worn when

under the tent. New York state social distancing protocols will be in place and required for patrons.

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