

# Kiwanis Club of Lewiston donates to Brickyard workers

**LEFT OF CENTER WITH JOSHUA MALONI**

The Kiwanis Club of Lewiston has been without its weekly meeting space since the end of May – when a fire tore through the Brickyard Brewing Company's second floor, causing residual damage to the Kiwanians' home-away-from-home, the Brickyard Pub & BBQ.

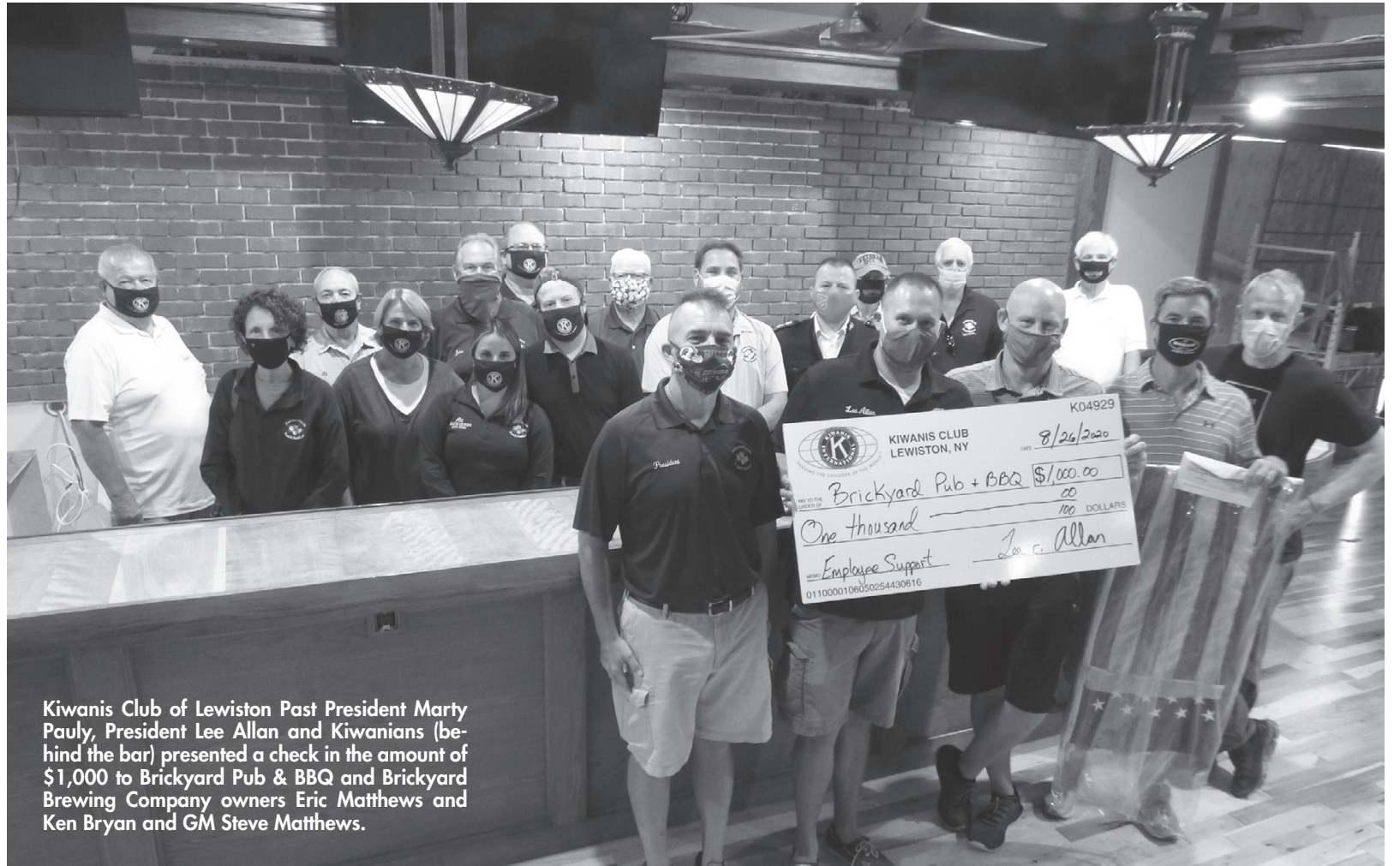
With the Brickyard set to re-open on Center Street this month (curbside resumes this weekend), Kiwanis Club members stopped by for a sneak preview of the restaurant's new look – and to donate money to employees.

"This donation idea has been in the works for about eight weeks," Past President Marty Pauly said. "Soon after the unfortunate fire, we started to talk, because we have a longstanding relationship with you guys. This is our home base for our meetings on Wednesday. We also know you are more than just a restaurant; you are a huge force down here. We know you donate all the food for the Memorial Day parade. We know you donate a lot of food for the 'Rock-out Cancer' fundraiser at the Stone House. When the veterans memorial was unveiled last November, there was a party here afterwards and you guys donated everything.

"We know that. And because of that – and because of our relationship with you and everything that went on here – we felt that we had to step up and do something."

Donations came mainly from Kiwanians, with the club kicking in a little extra. Monies were specifically set aside for Brickyard employees.

"All total, we do have a total donation of \$1,000; and we are so looking forward to being able to come back here to meet on Wednesdays and for your open-



Kiwanis Club of Lewiston Past President Marty Pauly, President Lee Allan and Kiwanians (behind the bar) presented a check in the amount of \$1,000 to Brickyard Pub & BBQ and Brickyard Brewing Company owners Eric Matthews and Ken Bryan and GM Steve Matthews.

ing," Pauly said.

Brickyard co-owner Eric Matthews said, "We're looking forward to having you guys back there."

Pauly continued, "We thank you for all you do for every organization around here. This is a little token of our thanks."

Matthews said, "Thank you very much. We appreciate it. Our staff will appreciate it. They were excited to hear about it today, and really appreciate everything."

He said total community donations – which include fundraisers and contributions from the Lew-

iston Farmers Market and Tim Hortons – are about \$30,000.

"Everybody that was working on the payroll on May 26 – the day of our fire – is going to receive equal amounts of all the donations that we've taken," Matthews said to a round of applause from the Kiwanians.

He explained, "Most of the employees that we have working for us have all come in and helped us do all this. Girls, guys, servers – 110-pound servers that aren't normally swinging a hammer – there will be pictures in the restaurant of them with work boots on and

crowbars and that."

Matthews said eight female employees "tore the whole floor ... out of this place, which was amazing. We weren't even there that day, and they ripped it all out and got it to where it's at. So, that's the dedication that they have – and they're still all going to be with us; it's amazing. So, thanks to you guys, that's really gonna help them out."

Pauly said, "One add-on: Our (U.S.) flag. Another thing, you've been nice enough throughout the years that we're allowed to store stuff here – and we appreciate

that, too. And (GM) Steve (Matthews) sent me a text shortly after the fire that the flag survived. And then your dad cared for it, he got it dry-cleaned; and then a little bit later on, our member Dean suggested, 'Why don't we donate this flag back to you guys?' If you can find a place to hang it, that would be great."

"We were just talking about that today," Matthews said. "The wall that we just bricked inside, that wall right there as you walk in, that's big enough for that flag. We're gonna have that flag framed."

## New York offers guidance for agritourism businesses as fall approaches

Guidance applies to corn mazes, pick-your-own fruit/vegetable operations, hayrides and haunted houses

Gov. Andrew Cuomo on Tuesday announced new state guidance for agritourism businesses as New York enters the fall season. The businesses, which include corn mazes, pick-your-own fruit and vegetable operations, hayrides and haunted houses, are considered low-risk outdoor arts and entertainment and are permitted to operate under "New York Forward" guidance. New Yorkers can also visit the state's farmers' markets and craft beverage trails, which have remained open under state guidance, supporting agriculture and tourism in the state.

"New York state's amazing outdoor attractions and recreational opportunities are a boon for families and communities during the fall season each year, and we want New Yorkers to be able to enjoy this time with their family responsibly and safely," Cuomo said. "The new guidance announced today will ensure that these businesses can open to the public, allowing families to enjoy their favorite fall activities while providing a boost for our farming communities and local economies."

State Agriculture Commissioner Richard A. Ball said, "As one

of the nation's top agricultural states, New York traditionally comes together in the fall to celebrate the harvest – from apples to grapes to pumpkins. This year, while things may not look exactly the same on your favorite farm, I am happy to say we can still celebrate agriculture's bounty and the many family-friendly activities that go with it. With this new guidance, we hope New Yorkers will be able to enjoy some of the best of New York agriculture in a safe and socially distanced manner."

The businesses that can reopen are subject to low-risk outdoor arts and entertainment and public transportation guidance. Guidance includes, but is not limited to:

- **Corn mazes** are permitted consistent with low-risk outdoor arts and entertainment guidance and the following conditions:
  - ✓ Reduced capacity
  - ✓ Face coverings required
  - ✓ Social distance maintained between individuals/parties
- **Hayrides** are permitted consistent with public transportation guidance and the following conditions:
  - ✓ Mandatory face coverings

- ✓ Social distance required between individuals/parties
- ✓ Frequently touched surfaces, such as handrails, cleaned and sanitized between rides

• **Pick-your-own fruit/vegetable operations** are permitted consistent with low-risk outdoor arts and entertainment guidance and the following conditions:

- ✓ Reduced capacity
- ✓ Face coverings required
- ✓ Social distance maintained between individuals/parties.

• **Haunted houses** are permitted consistent with low-risk indoor arts and entertainment guidance and the following conditions:

- ✓ Reduced capacity
- ✓ Face coverings required
- ✓ Social distance maintained between individuals/parties

• **Petting zoos** are not permitted.

The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets has issued a full slate of guidelines for the agricultural industry, including guidance for farmers' markets and for its food and beverage producers. All guidance can be found at <https://agriculture.ny.gov/coronavirus>.

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