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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF BUFFALO

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF BUFFALO HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING
BRINGS IN NEW CLASS TO TAKE AGENCY TO THE NEXT LEVEL**

Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo held their Annual Meeting on June 19, 2007 where they welcomed their largest group of incoming Board Members since Diane L. Rowe, Chief Professional Officer took the job 10 years ago. *"We are very excited to have such an outstanding and talented group come onto the Board this year,"* says Rowe, *"I'm looking forward to working with everyone and taking the Agency to the next level."*

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The following Incoming Board Members were elected to a three (3) year term:

David Cristantello, PhD	Vice President of External Relations, Daemen College
Gordon Harp	Buffalo Division President, Time Warner Cable
Sharon Hill	Market Fashion Merchandiser, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.
Robert Holliday	Vice President/General Manager, AT & T
Bernard O'Donnell	Regional Manager, Alliance Bank N.A.
Gregory Rau	Portfolio Manager, Bank of America
Kathleen Sullivan	Senior Vice President, Key Bank
C. Michael Zabel	Administrative VP, Manager of Corporate Communications, M & T Bank

Officers

Michael P. Beecher, Jr.
Chairperson

Michael Burns
Vice Chair

George W. Collins, Jr.
Vice Chair

Thomas Rybarczyk
Vice Chair

Kenneth Sodaro
Vice Chair

Thomas J. Dixon
Secretary

Gregory M. Dearlove
Treasurer

Board of Directors

Barbara Bellanti
Brad A. Birmingham
Minnie Clemons
David Cristantello
Elise M. Cusack
Arthur W. Cryer
Stephen C. Eden
Donald Enslin
Gordon Harp
Sharon Hill
Robert Holliday
Bernard O'Donnell
Ronald Raccuia
Gregory Rau
Thomas R. Rybarczyk
Peter Savarino
Kenneth Sodaro
Kathleen Sullivan
Joseph E. Wooley
C. Michael Zabel

Chief Professional Officer

Diane L. Rowe

The following Officers were elected to a new term:

Michael Beecher	Chief Volunteer Officer
Vice President, Core101	
George Collins	Vice-Chair, Board Governance
Partner, Bouvier Partnership, LLP	
Thomas Rybarczyk	Vice-Chair, Operations
Senior Manager, Deloitte & Touche, LLP	
Mike Burns	Vice-Chair, Resource Development
First Vice President, Merrill Lynch Burns/Nowakowski Group	
Kenneth Sodaro	Vice-Chair, Strategic Planning
Vice President of General Counsel & Corporate Secretary, HealthNow New York Inc. (BlueCross BlueShield of WNY)	
Gregory Dearlove	Vice-Chair, Finance
Executive Vice President, Zerco Systems	
Tom Dixon	Secretary
Director Human Resources, Degussa Operations Inc. & Watson Bowman Acme	

Returning Board Members elected for an additional three (3) years term:

Barbara Bellanti	President and CEO, Battenfeld Grease & Oil Corp of NY
Minnie Clemons	Branch Manager, M&T Bank
Stephen Eden	Director of Corporate Marketing and Communications, Delaware North Companies

We would like to thank and bid farewell to the following Board Members:

Kathleen Alfano (member since 2001)

Stuart Angert (member since 2001)

Ronald Clarke (member since 2001)

Carol Klein (member since 2005)

William Buscaglia, Jr. (member since 1997), also received the Boys & Girls Clubs of America Service to Youth Award for 10 years of unusually devoted service that has contributed greatly in helping youth to achieve a fuller and richer life.

ABOUT THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF BUFFALO

Our Mission is to provide appropriate and diversified programs and activities that serve to attract and hold area youth to the Clubhouse. We provide environments that teach children the skills needed to build positive lives, attitudes and behaviors.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo has 16 locations throughout the Western New York, including Amherst and Cheektowaga. We have been serving the youth of Western New York for over 81 years. Clubs provide programs for thousands of boys and girls in the areas of character and leadership development, educational enhancement, career preparation, health and life skills, the arts, and sports, fitness and recreation.

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