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& 30 Years

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April 7,
2018



Annual Directory

*Congratulations to the
2018 Spirit of Gowanda Winners:*

BUSINESS AWARD

Mentley Funeral Home

Tim Mentley – Speaker

New York & Lake Erie Railroad

John Walgus – Speaker

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

George Stark

Bill Cain – Speaker

EXCELLENCE IN YOUTH AWARD

(Gowanda Central School)

Andrew Kruszka

Wayne Lyon – Speaker

Acknowledgements

The Spirit of Gowanda Awards Program is due to the generosity of Chamber members, business owners, Chamber board members, community support and participation, our advertisers and our area newspapers for publicity and press coverage.

Spirit of Gowanda Dinner Program

Welcome - 6pm

Nicholas Crassi, Jr., Chamber President

Invocation

Father Joe Porpiglia

Dinner

Rolling Hills

Remarks & Awards Presentation

Ben Shields, Cattaraugus County Sheriff and
Gowanda Central School Resource Office

Benediction

Father Joe Porpiglia

Closing Remarks

Nicholas Crassi, Jr., Chamber President

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Reasons to Join the Gowanda Area Chamber of Commerce:

Mission: *To advance the educational, commercial, industrial, professional, agricultural, civic, and general welfare of the Village of Gowanda and surrounding areas.*

★ **Impact:** Members help decide direction and work with area officials in cooperative efforts for mutual benefit including economic development issues, attracting new businesses, etc.

★ **Business Directory:** A listing in our annual directory.

★ **Welcome:** Chamber members welcome new businesses and residents to our communities, as well as attract business and industry.

★ **Networking:** Members share resources and information with one another informally, and at periodic get-togethers held at various community and member locations.

★ **Promotion:** Chamber members are promoted through special events, the website and special shop-at-home promotions in the Gowanda Press and other promotions.

★ **Trade/Tourism:** Member businesses and communities are also promoted through the Chamber's office and website which answers inquiries and displays the wide variety of Chamber publications.

★ **Events:** *Spirit of Gowanda, Hollywood Happening, July Music Series, Fall Festival, Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration, Christmas in Gowanda.*

★ **Vision:** *To promote growth and economic development of Gowanda and surrounding communities.*

Membership is \$100 per year for businesses and \$50 per year for individuals.
Dues paid on July 1st or after are at 50%.

Return the below membership form with your dues to P.O. Box 45, Gowanda, NY 14070
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GOWANDA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name of Business/Organization _____

Name & Title of Contact Person _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (Business) _____ (Home - if applicable) _____

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Type of membership: ___ Business (\$100/year) ___ Individual (\$50/yr) ___ #Years in business

Are you interested in serving on special committees? _____

Describe your business: _____

Mentley Funeral Home

The first generation of our family, Arthur Mentley, received his Funeral Directing License in 1941. After years of employment under Fred Place at Place Funeral Home, following his service in the US Navy during WWII, Arthur Mentley purchased Place Funeral Home in 1946 of which became Mentley Funeral Home, Inc.



After two decades of serving the Gowanda area, in 1967 Arthur Mentley ushered in the second generation of our family to join the business; Art's sons Terry W. Mentley and Thomas Mentley.

Mentley Funeral Home Inc. continued to grow in service and in size, for in 1977, we purchased the previous building next door. In expanding, we doubled the size of our building and offered greater off-street parking with an enlarged parking lot. This expansion project is what our building stands as today at 105 E. Main Street.

Our business expansion didn't cease with the building; in 1983, Mentley Funeral Home Inc. purchased the former Schaack Funeral Home, previously on Jamestown Street, in an effort to better serve our community.

The communities we served continued to grow outside of Gowanda. In 1966 Mentley Funeral Home Inc. added a second location in Cattaraugus, NY.

Also in 1983 a third location was started in Little Valley, NY. The third generation to join the business was Timothy Mentley who was licensed in 1991 and continues to run the business today. In 1994, O'Rourke Funeral Home of Ellicottville, NY was purchased and moved to our Little Valley location.

In 2015, Connor Hellwig joined Mentley Funeral Home Inc. as a licensed funeral director and with Timothy Mentley, have embraced our communities from Collins Center to Great Valley, NY.

We thank all of our communities for allowing us the privilege of serving every one of the families that come in our doors. We pride ourselves in that service as we continue to strive for greater opportunities to be there for the families in need at a time of loss. When the world around us continues to change, we at Mentley Funeral Home Inc. are proud to have been "Our family serving your family" for our Gowanda community for 72 years and we look forward to continuing this service for many years to come.

New York & Lake Erie Railroad

History: The New York and Erie Railroad was chartered by the legislature of New York on April 24, 1832, and built as a broad-gauge (6 foot) railroad from Piermont-on-Hudson to



Dunkirk, 446 miles. After the fits and starts of financing, years of grading, major bridge building and track laying, the first trip on the completed railroad was performed on May 14, 1851. It was a grand occasion for the Southern Tier of New York State with dignitaries such as Daniel Webster, Secretary of State; Millard Fillmore, U.S. President; the Attorney General; the Postmaster General; and the Secretary of the Navy aboard. The Governor, and ex-governors, of New York State were also passengers and guests.

Gowanda, in the Town of Persia, needed stages and wagons to connect with this great railroad enterprise at Dayton until the arrival of the Buffalo and Jamestown Railroad in October 1874. The Buffalo and Jamestown, later the Buffalo and Southwestern branch of the "Erie," coupled with the line from Hornellsville to Buffalo, became the major access for the Erie's service of the Queen City, long the second largest rail hub in the United States. Gowanda's industrial growth, including the glue factory and tannery, was facilitated by the presence of the railroad. The Erie never was a get-rich-quick enterprise and by 1972 the last in a string of bankruptcies brought the railroad into the US Federal bailout of the bankrupt Eastern railroads through the creation of Conrail.

When Conrail was inaugurated on April 1, 1976, the tracks from Salamanca to Dunkirk and Buffalo to Waterboro, NY, were all slated for immediate abandonment.

New York & Lake Erie Railroad: The NY & Lake Erie was chartered on August 9, 1978, for the purpose of saving the rail infrastructure comprising the aforementioned branches of the Erie and preserving rail freight service to towns and villages of Cattaraugus and Erie Counties.

Robert and Linda Dingman negotiated with the Cattaraugus County Industrial Development Agency, the Cattaraugus County legislature, the Chautauqua County legislature, the Federal Appalachian Regional Commission, Erie County and its IDA, New

York State DOT and with the bankrupt estate of the Erie Railroad to organize and acquire the rail assets according to a system plan developed by Southern Tier West. Success was achieved

on October 14, 1978, by running the first train to replace Conrail from Salamanca to Little Valley. Featured celebrants on that day were Assemblyman Daniel Walsh, NYS Senator Jess Present and Congressman Stan Lundine's Chief of Staff Tom Crowley.

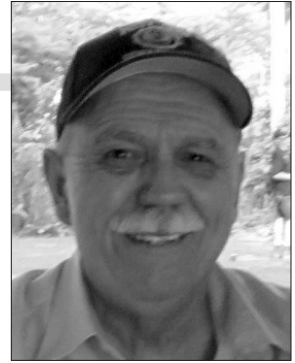
B&SW Branch: The NY&LE negotiated and acquired the trackage from Gowanda to Buffalo Creek Junction and began to service towns in Erie County on April 13, 1980. In July of 1982, the system was completed according to plan through the purchase of the tracks from South Dayton to Waterboro Junction, a junction with the Erie/Conrail mainline. Waterboro is located 11 miles east of Jamestown on what has become trackage owned by Southern Tier Extension Rail Authority (STERA), controlled by Norfolk Southern and operated by Western NY & Pennsylvania Railroad.

Results: While rail freight service has declined along with the departure of industries on these tracks, tourist passenger trains have been successfully run over all acquired segments including short trips, day-long excursions, dinner trains, murder mystery tours and visits from Santa and the Easter Bunny. The ability to restore freight service has been maintained to be included in our community resources, if required. The tourist attraction of train rides has recently increased in popularity and these visitors to our community bring substantial dollars to spend at gift shops, gas stations and purveyors of food and beverages.

The Future: The Western New York Rail Corridor Project (WNYRCP) is the up-to-date vision for the rail assets that the NY&LE and its partners have preserved. The current plan is to improve freight access by reconnecting track between Conewango Valley and Waterboro to the STERA line and negotiating trackage rights to access Jamestown and Buffalo area passenger train stations. The goals include:

- 1) providing a gateway for aggregates destined for Pennsylvania and for raw materials from the west;
- 2) providing Jamestown with train rides for festivals, etc.
- 3) providing access to Buffalo for Canalside events and Southern Tier day-trip adventures.

Community Service Award



George Stark

I grew up in Collins Center, with two brothers, John and Charles, and attended grade school on School Street there in Collins Center and went to high school in Springville. My dad worked in the milk plant in Collins Center for 35 years and taught me how to use my hands to build and fix things. My mom was a teacher at Collins Center School and then an Erie County Librarian. Mom would take us three boys to church at the Episcopal Church in Gowanda 3 Sundays a month and the 4th Sunday we would go to the Methodist Church in Collins Center. From the age of 14 thru 15 I delivered newspapers in Collins Center. The summer after my sophomore year and for 5 summers after, I worked as summer help for the Iroquois Gas Company. I went to the NY State University at Morrisville and studied electrical technology. I worked at Moench Tannery for a while and then I got drafted into the Army on May 25, 1966. I went thru 17 weeks of advanced training at Fort Belvoir, Va. and became an Army Engineer as a gas turbine generator repairman. I was sent to Vietnam on March 2, 1967 and returned home on February 14, 1968. I was very proud and pleased to serve our great country. On March 20, 1968 I started work at Bethlehem Steel in Lackawanna as an electrician for 22 years. At age 40, when laid off from the steel plant, I studied Building Management and Maintenance and received a degree in Occupational Studies (Summa Cum Laude) and then by luck, I was called back to the steel plant.

I married Carol Curtis in 1967 and we are the proud parents of two wonderful daughters. Jamie is a Kysor Permanente Emergency Dept. Physician in Santa Rosa. She and her husband Lonnie met while both serving in the Navy. They now live in Windsor, California and have a 12 year old son Tanner. Traci is the Lab Supervisor at Cobra Valley Medical Center in Arizona. She and her husband Lincoln met while both serving in the Air Force. She recently retired after 24 years of service. They have two children. Kalinn is employed at Disney World in Florida and James, Jr. who is in the 8th grade. Carol and I helped with many Cotillion dances at the Legion, and at one of them Mayor Lazar asked, because I was an electrician at the Steel Plant, if I would be interested in becoming the Village Building Inspector and Assessor. I thought I could handle it and I said yes. I went to Cornell University for Assessor training. I took many NY State Civil Service exams for building inspector jobs and I got lucky scored good on an exam and because the state needed an inspector in the southern tier of NY and I lived in Cattaraugus County (pure luck) the NY State Dept. State hired me as a state building inspector. After 22 years with steel plant I started work for the Dept. of State for 5 years and the Dept. of Children and Family Services for 12 years and retired at age 62. In the spring of 2015 the American Legion was in financial trouble. We got lucky and with a lot of help and hard work from others the problem was fixed we turned it around and now the legion is thriving. I consider myself to be lucky in life and often was in the right place at the right time. I am proud, pleased, and fortunate to have grown up in this community and to have served my country. From the days we would ride our bicycles from Collins Center to Gowanda on Pioneer Days to present I have always loved Gowanda.

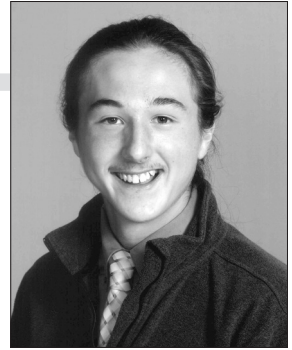
25 year member of the Gowanda Volunteer Fire Dept. Rescue Company #3
4 year Commander of the Gowanda American Legion
8 year member of the Gowanda American Legion Board of Directors
32 years Village of Gowanda Assessor
8 years Village of Gowanda Building/Fire Inspector
Former Town of Collins Building Inspector
Former Niagar of Perrysburg Building Inspector
Former Niagara Frontier Transportation Building Inspector
Former Chautauqua County Building Inspector
Former NY State Dept of State Building Inspector

Former NY State Office of Children and Family Services Building/Fire Inspector Day Care, Foster Care, Domestic Violence
1978 to present Phoenix Lodge No. 262, F. & A. Masons
1978 to present Gowanda Shrine Club #1
1978 to present Gowanda Mini Bike Corp
President Gowanda Mini Corp 4 years
President Gowanda Shrine Club #1 for 7 years
25 year Member Gowanda VFW Post 5007
35 year member Gowanda American Legion Post 409
27 year member Gowanda Slovenian Club
28 year member Gowanda Moose Club

Excellence in Youth Award

Andrew Kruszka

Andres Kruszka of Gowanda, NY has been chosen as the 2018 Excellence in Youth Award honoree. Andrew is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Kruszka , and the youngest brother to Gregory Jr., Kristopher, Joseph and Matthew Kruszka .



Andrew has been active in every aspect during his 17 yrs. here in Gowanda. He is a member of The Trinity United Church of Christ and is grateful for his Church family. He exerts an energy into every activity he is involved with. From Lecturing, to plays, from fundraising, Community Dinners, to Love Inc. walks, whatever is needed he is there to lend a hand. Andrew has also been available to the Gowanda Food Party since he could lift boxes. He has spent his time dressing as the Easter Bunny, visiting the Nursing home and is always there to lend an ear. Andrew has been a coach for the Gowanda summer softball and also the JV boys basketball team. He is a member of Sources of Strength and is currently a student mentor. He is also a member of the Spanish Club. In the current school year Andrew serves as the student representative to the school board. He has been the class vice-president for both his Junior and Senior years. He takes these positions very serious.

Sports is a favorite with Andrew. He is a 3 sport student athlete. He has lettered in Cross-country, Bowling and Baseball. He has received sports honors that include captain, CCAA high bowling series, JMVMP Baseball, Sportsmanship awards. All team awards and honorable mentions in all three venues. He loved being involved with Gowanda sports community in and out of school.

Another big focus is the arts. A member of the Gowanda Thespian Society and a band member throughout his middle and high school career. Andrew plays the saxophone and has been in several Stage productions . He also has added to the G-Town Showdown and took 1st place his Junior year with a Comedy routine that brought down the house.

Being a staff writer for the school paper, The Phoenix, and an anchor for the Morning Show for the past 4 years , has been huge. He has already received accolades for his achievements. Best Sports Feature at Fredonia State and Best Journalism Feature at St. Bonaventure.

Gowanda School Spirit has also played a key role. Andrew has been voted by his peers as having The most Panther Pride! This is evident by his actions. Whether dressing up as the Panther Mascot or participating in Spirit Parades, Pep Rallies, painting the Village blue and white or being a staple in everything Gowanda. Andrew truly believes in the Blue and White Spirit.

Along with his many activities, Andrew has excelled academically by being on either the honor or high honor roll throughout high school. He doesn't shy away from the tough classes and works very hard to maintain his average.

In addition Andrew works, he has worked during the summers as an umpire for the various softball and baseball leagues in the area. He is currently employed at the Gowanda Shop n' Save.

Andrew plans of attending St. Bonaventure University in the Fall of 2018 majoring in Journalism/ Mass Communications, maybe to travel onto Law School.

Andrew would like to sincerely Thank his family, friends, teachers, coaches and mentors for all contributing to whatever success he has had and to all that is to come. Dream big, it is attainable!

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Past Award Recipients

- 1988 ~ Art PalumboCitizen of the Year
 1989 ~ Rev. Richard Hermann...Citizen of the Year
 1990 ~ Jean Hillis.....Citizen of the Year
 1991 ~ Dan Gernatt, Sr.Citizen of the Year
- 1992 ~ Donald CampbellSpirit of Gowanda
 Donald VogtliSpirit of Gowanda
- 1993 ~ Phillip Smith.....Service Organization
 Carol Sheibley Service Provider
 Thomas Reding.....Business
 Joanne Snyder.....Community Member
- 1994 ~ Robert Gabel.....Business
 Janice Wells.....Service
- 1995 ~ Juanita Reid.....Business
 Craig Brown.....Service
- 1996 ~ Dan Gernatt, Jr.Business
 Janet VogtliService
- 1997 ~ David SchaackBusiness
 Mary Stelley.....Service
- 1998 ~ Dr. Irene Hu & the late Dr. Ronald Chang
Community Service
- 1999 ~ Mark SchindlerBusiness
 Cynthia Constantine.... Community Service
 Bryan BradleyCommunity Service
- 2000 ~ Barry HagerBusiness
 Robert Murphy..... Community Service
 Julius Szymanski..... Community Service
- 2001 ~ Lew & Doris Gabel.....Business
 Randy Rosen..... Community Service
 Andrew Burr Excellence in Youth
- 2002 ~ Ed & Veronica Palen.....Business
 Barb Nephew Community Service
 Ryan Miller..... Excellence in Youth
- 2003 ~ Sandy Gaylord.....Business
 Irene Koch..... Community Service
 Ashley Farner Excellence in Youth
- 2004 ~ Cliff & Paula SchuelerBusiness
 Dorothy & Lou Selan... Community Service
 Ashley Certis..... Excellence in Youth
- 2005 ~ Jim & Laurie Fort.....Business
 Laura Valone..... Community Service
 Bryna Moritz..... Excellence in Youth
- 2006 ~ Gowanda PennySaver/News.....Business
 Jack & Sue Torrance.... Community Service
 Maggie Schultz..... Excellence in Youth
- 2007 ~ Gowanda PharmacyBusiness
 Dennis & Mary Crouse Community Service
 Amanda Stang..... Excellence in Youth
- 2008 ~ McCormack's Hardware.....Business
 Gowanda Ambulance Service
 Community Service
 Jesse Hurkes..... Excellence in Youth
 TLC Health Network
 Outstanding Community Achievement
- 2009 ~ Olympia RestaurantBusiness
 Sal Dicembre Community Service
 Erica Strickfaden Excellence in Youth
 Anna Marie Sage.....
 Outstanding Community Achievement
- 2010 ~ The Village of Gowanda
- 2011 ~ Healthy Community Alliance.....Business
 Michael Embs Community Service
 William Cole III Community Service
- 2012 ~ Heaven Scent/Copy Central.....Business
 Doris Jones..... Community Service
 Zachary Steever Excellence in Youth
- 2013 ~ Johnson's Plumbing & Heating, Inc...Business
 Wayne Cross Community Service
 Alayna Kehr Excellence in Youth
- 2014 ~ Designer PoolsBusiness
 Nicholas Hodak Community Service
 Kelsey Delpriore..... Excellence in Youth
 Megan Stang Excellence in Youth
 Alexis Sager..... Excellence in Youth
- 2015 ~ Gowanda Harley Davidson.....Business
 Jennifer Gernatt..... Community Service
 Colleen Steward..... Excellence in Youth
- 2016 ~ Auto Wrench ConnectionBusiness
 Gowanda Starcraft...Special Business Recognition
 Phil Palen Community Service
 Steve Raiport..... Community Service
 Trevor Greco..... Excellence in Youth
- 2017 ~ Valley Pharmacy & Medical Supplies.....
 Business
 Ann Martindale..... Community Service
 Jack Van Wind Excellence in Youth



Congratulations to our friends at **Mentley Funeral Home** and **NY & LE Railroad**, also to **George Stark** and **Andrew Kruszkal** Thank you for all you do in our community!
Your Friends, Russ & Sue Rebmann

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Bob & Mary Stelley

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Railroad, George Stark,
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From all of your children and grandchildren George, Thank You for taking the time to make the world a better place. You are an inspiration to us all, and a wonderful man. **We love you!**

Congratulations

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Gowanda Recipients!

New York & Lake Erie Railroad,
Mentley Funeral Home,
George Stark, & Andrew Kruszka
Special Recognition to
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as the 2018 Community
Service recipient!*

Gowanda Legion Post 409



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Business

**Mentley Funeral Home,
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Service

George Stark

Excellence in Youth

Andrew Kruszka

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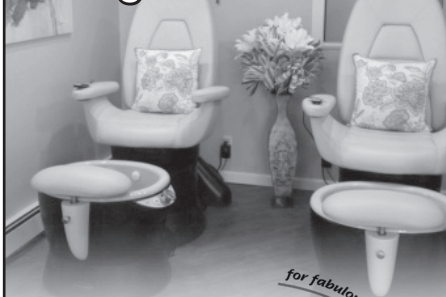
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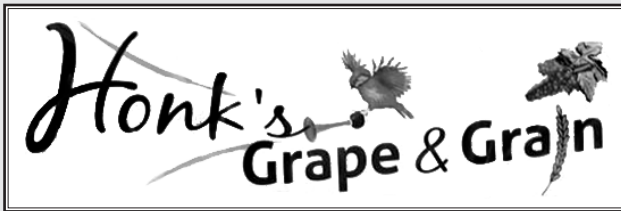
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