

Meetings

SCORE to hold marketing counseling

Score of Buffalo Niagara will hold One-on-One Marketing Counseling from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29 at the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library. For more information or to make a reservation, call 551-4301. SCORE will also present a workshop titled "Business Killers," with Tom Waring of Waring Financial Group. Waring will present the six primary mistakes that could jeopardize a small business. The event will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30 at the Buffalo Club, 388 Delaware Ave., Buffalo. For more information or to make a reservation, call 551-4301. Reservations are required.

American Abolitionism workshop set

Macalester College historian James Brewer Stewart will conduct a workshop on American abolitionism from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 9 at the Old Main Case Study at Canisius College. The event is open to the public. The workshop is part of Bruce Dierenfield's African-American Experience. For more information on the workshop, call Dierenfield at 888-2683.

Orchard Park presents annual marketplace

The 26th annual Community Marketplace will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 1 at Orchard Park High School, 4040 Baker Road, Orchard Park. The marketplace is a family event for all ages, presented by the Orchard Park Chamber of Commerce. A variety of businesses will be on hand, offering one-stop shopping for visitors. There will be a continuous lineup of free entertainment throughout the day, including Glenn Colton. Attendees can spend the day visiting the exhibits and enjoying the entertainment and refreshments, as well as registering to win one of the numerous door prizes being offered. There is no charge for admission or parking. For more information on the marketplace or to register as an exhibitor, call the Chamber at 662-3366.

Area funeral homes merge services

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The Dengler and Roberts Funeral Home has merged with Perna-Pellegrino Funeral Home, adding to its list of locations.

Between the two, the businesses now have nine homes in Buffalo, Amherst, Kenmore, East Aurora and Bowmansville. Both businesses have a long history in the industry, serving generations of Western New York families.

The merger became official in August, although the Perna-Pellegrino homes, at 1671 Maple Road, Amherst, and 1306 Hertel Ave., Buffalo, will continue to operate under the same name.

Dengler and Roberts operate eight businesses under different names, which represents the many family owned businesses that have come together.

"We came together as one family, operating the group of homes," John Dengler, said about the recent merger.

Constance J. Perna-Pellegrino, a funeral director, grew up in the business; her father owned a funeral home on Massachusetts Street on the West Side of Buffalo, from 1955 to 1970. Her family lived above the home.

In 1963 a second location was built on Hertel Avenue, which is still in operation today. The name was changed to Perna-Pellegrino in 1997 when she purchased the family business with her former husband, Michael.

In 1998 the plan for a Perna-Pellegrino Funeral Home on Maple Road, near Youngs Road, was started, but it wasn't until December 2004 that it officially



The Dengler and Roberts, and Perna-Pellegrino funeral homes recently merged and are operated by, front row, left to right, Michael Pignatora, David Dengler, Constance J. Perna-Pellegrino, and John Dengler; and back row, Daniel Dengler, Thomas Ortner, Gary Roberts, G. Brian Roberts and Liza Nicholas.

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opened.

"Families were moving out this direction," she said about building the second location. "It's ideal, it's across from the largest Catholic Church (in the area), on a main road and central for surrounding communities."

Some of the families Pellegrino assists have been clients for generations, she said, adding that the families served are treated like family.

"We provide the family with respect and dignity," she added.

The Dengler and Roberts families were competitors in the

1940s, Dengler said. It wasn't until 1997 they merged into one company, which resulted in the closure of two locations because they were now only two blocks from other Dengler and Roberts homes.

Currently, Dengler's brothers, Daniel and David, are also funeral directors, along with Gary and Brian Roberts, Thomas Ortner, Liza Nicholas and Mike Pignatora.

The funeral homes operate through Dignity Memorial, a network of more than 1,000 funeral, cremation and cemetery

providers in the United States and Canada. Dengler said through their affiliation, the funeral homes are able to offer several services, including bereavement travel and hotel discounts. They also offer a 24-hour compassion hotline where counselors can help those grieving.

Recently, the advanced planning service has grown in popularity as individuals want to make sure their families are protected.

For information, call the Perna-Pellegrino Maple Road location at 632-8200 or call Dengler and Roberts at 636-1111.

UB School of Management Alumni Board elects officers

The University at Buffalo School of Management Alumni Association elected its officers for 2008 and has appointed four new board members to three-year terms.

The 2008 officers are: Sujata Yalamanchili of Williamsville, Hodgson Russ LLP, president; Christopher Hart-Nova of Orchard Park, EscapeWire Solutions, LLC, vice president for membership; Kenneth W. Paulin Jr. of Lockport, M&T Bank, assistant vice president for membership; Larry J. Skerker of Eggertsville, vice president for programs; Mark J. Notarius of East Amherst, Premium Wine & Spirits, assistant vice president for programs; Eileen Connor-Costilow of Williamsville, Lumsden & McCormick LLP, vice president for student relations; Michael Giammusso of Clarence Center, Bristol Myers Squibb, assistant vice president for student relations; Bruce A. Morlock of Elma, BlueCross BlueShield of Western New York, secretary; Daniel T. Liebel of Williamsville, treasurer; and Paul A. Quebral of Williamsville, Reid Petroleum Corp., assistant treasurer.

The newly elected board members are: Thomas M. Barney Jr. of Angola, Delaware North Companies; Thomas P. Cogan of Williamsville, Citigroup's Global Consumer Group; Timothy M. Hilker of Williamsville, Ernst & Young, LLP; and Rick J. Licursi of West Seneca, Siemens PLM Software.

Business News

BNI Business Makers will meet at 7 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 24 at Amberleigh, 2330 Maple Road, west of Transit Road. Steve Colley, from Call Away Services, will be the guest speaker and present "Laundry." For information, call 913-1541.

Nancy Blumenstark Mingus of Williamsville has been named interim director for Empire State College, State University of New York's FORUM West Program. The FORUM program offers a specialized bachelor's degree in business management at the college's Niagara Frontier Center. For 19 years she has been president of Mingus Associates Inc. and has taught at colleges for 30 years.

Lifetime Health Medical Group names new president



Orlick

Dr. Arthur E. Orlick of Williamsville has been named president of Lifetime Health Medical Group. He began his new position on Jan. 2, overseeing 10 health centers in Buffalo and Rochester and several affiliated medical offices.

Orlick most recently served as chief medical officer and chief operating officer for Lifetime Health. His accomplishments include the implementation of electronic medical records for the group, the launch of a new workers' compensation preferred provider organization and successful physician recruitment in light of national and local provider shortages.

Prior to joining Lifetime, Orlick was vice president and chief medical officer for Buffalo General Hospital and physician director for cardiovascular services at Kaleida Health.

He was a founding member of the Cardiology Group of Western New York and also served as medical director for Univera Healthcare, North AmeriCare and North American Health Plans Inc. He has served as director of cardiac care units and a noninvasive cardiac laboratory and as the chief of cardiology at the Millard Fillmore Hospital in Buffalo.

He earned a postdoctoral fellow in cardiology from Stanford University and a competitive three-year grant from the national American Heart Association following his graduation from Stanford.

Orlick is a fellow with the American College of Cardiology as well as the Council on Clinical Cardiology, American Heart Association. He is a member of Alpha Omega Alpha, past president of the Western New York Cardiovascular Society, co-chair of the Medical Directors Forum, New York State HMO Conference, and a member of the American College of Physician Executives.