

## AMSTERDAM

# New members appointed to the AIDA Board of Directors

At its Nov. 21 meeting, the City of Amsterdam Common Council unanimously approved resolutions to appoint Amsterdam residents Daniel Domkowski and William Dzierson to the Amsterdam Industrial Development Agency's Board of Directors.

Domkowski, a native of the City, graduated from Amsterdam High School, earned his bachelor's degree from Syracuse University and a Masters Degree in Computer Science from The George Washington University

with a concentration in Artificial Intelligence. He worked for eight years in the US Intelligence Community in the Washington D.C. area as an Intelligence and Cybersecurity Analyst. When he and his wife Nicolette began to build their family, they decided to move back to Upstate New York and call Amsterdam their home. For the past 10 years, Domkowski has worked for two Capital Region-based start-up software companies and Red Hat Inc., a subsidiary of IBM. For most

of that time, Domkowski has worked with many Fortune 100 companies along with several Federal agencies and State & Local governments to accelerate their digital and AI transformations. Mayor Cinquanti cited Domkowski's background in technology, sales, product development, and government as the sort of experience that will enhance AIDA's ability to both attract and analyze new business opportunities for the city.

Dzierson attended New England

College and Hiram Scott College as a business major. He enjoyed a close to 30-year career in management with Swany Corp, a Johnstown-based manufacturer of sport gloves and luggage. As senior Vice President, he oversaw major business investments and operations for the company and was actively involved in Swany's decision to establish a warehouse in Fulton County and helped implement the set up. Dzierson served on President Obama's department of commerce

advisory board on textile import and exports. He also served on the board and as a member of Fulton County Chamber of Commerce.

"I've worked closely with Bill on other community initiatives" said Cinquanti in a news release. "In addition to having an ideal background for this new role, he also has both a passion for this community and the high level of integrity that will quickly make him a valuable part of the AIDA process."

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## Holiday selections from Handel's Messiah tradition continues

Holiday selections from G.F. Handel's Messiah will once again fill the rafters of Amsterdam's St. Stanislaus Roman Catholic Church as the production returns for the second year following a decade long hiatus. For more than 50 years, audiences gathered at St. Ann's Episcopal Church in Amsterdam to hear a choir of community singers and soloists.

Last year's production reignited the dormant tradition, with over one hundred community members filling the church.

The production was also presented with a citation from New York State Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara, who was in attendance, along with Amsterdam's Mayor Michael Cinquanti and Congressman Paul Tonko.

This year, Amsterdam native Alice Sorensen is expanding the production with the use of hired soloists. Sorensen has more than a decade of experience singing and conducting in choirs and ensembles, and is the director of music at St. Stan's. "I was so pleased with the turnout last year, and can't wait to share this magnificent work with the community again," says Sorensen. "The turnout for singers this year

was also really exciting, I hope it continues to grow throughout the years." The choir of approximately twenty five singers has been rehearsing since early November.

Rotarian and community member Brigitta Rose echoes the excitement. "I've been having so much fun being back in a choir, especially for a tradition that means this much to the community."

Holiday selections from Handel's Messiah will be performed on Dec. 10 at 3 p.m. at St. Stanislaus Church.

A reception with light refreshments will follow, sponsored by St. Stanislaus' Martha Ministry. The production, under the direction of Alice Sorensen, features organist and renowned composer Alfred Fedak, music director and organist at Greenbush Reformed Church in East Greenbush. Soloists include Katie McNally, soprano, Gabrielle San Romano, mezzo, Michael McCord, tenor, and Peter Bryce, baritone.

The production is made possible by the generous support of The Rotary Club of Amsterdam as well as the Dybas Family and St. Stan's Rosary Society. Admission is free, with a suggested free-will offering.

## Concert scheduled



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On Saturday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. at Dorn Space at 99 N. Main St., Gloversville, Blessings and Love (also known as Dan Kirsner and Debbie Fish) will roll into town with music fit to lift your Christmas spirit. Kirsner has performed with some of the biggest names in country music as well as on its biggest stage (the Grand Ole Opry). Fish has delighted more upstate New York audiences than a cowgirl can shake a stick at. In addition, Dan and Debbie will have some special guests in tow to spread even more good cheer including Christmas lampoon artist Drew Jacobs, and Captain Christmas himself, Jerry "What-the-What" Dymond. Plus, appearances by the Ancient Baby Boomer and Ted (the Impressionist). Admission is \$10 (cash/door only). Doors open at 6:15 p.m.

## GLOVERSVILLE

## Cookies and Stories with Santa

On Saturday, Dec. 9 at 10 a.m. Santa is making a special stop at the Fulton County Historical Society.

Meet the jolly old elf himself, listen to some of his favorite holiday stories, and enjoy sweet treats.

This family-friendly program is free for all ages thanks to the

generous support of the Fulton County Board of Supervisors and the Fulton County Historian's Office.

The Fulton County Historical Society is located at 237 Kingsboro Ave. in Gloversville.

Free parking is available on Kingsboro Ave. and along Academy Place.

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# New Dimensions in Health Care appoints new board member



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New Dimensions in Health Care (NDHC) recently announced the appointment of Nicole Yaggle to the NDHC Board of Directors. She will serve a two-year term through 2025.

"I am honored to join the New Dimensions Board of Directors," Yaggle said in a news release. "The healthcare services offered by NDHC to individuals and families in our communities are not only essential but also profoundly significant. I am excited for the opportunity to collaborate with this tremendously important organization and to contribute to the strategic direction and success."

Yaggle has worked for Montgomery County since 2013. She currently serves as the Personnel Officer. In this high level position, Yaggle is responsible for the formulation and administration of rules, policies, and procedures relating to personnel operations and various civil divisions and special districts within the county.

Previously, Yaggle served as the Labor Management Director and the Head Social Welfare Examiner. She also worked as a Probation Officer for Albany County for 11 years.

Yaggle received her Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice from Fulton-Montgomery Community College in 1995 and her Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and Psychology from the University of Albany in 1997.

She is the second vice president of the New York Association of Personnel & Civil Service Officers and is affiliated with the NYS Association of Self-Insured Counties and the NYS Public Employer Labor Relations Association.

## JOHNSTOWN

## FMCC Food Pantry has been selected as Hannaford Fight Hunger Bag and Snack Pals Plates Programs beneficiary.

For the entire month of December, store leadership at Hannaford's Amsterdam location has selected FMCC Raiders Relief Food Pantry to receive a \$1 donation from every purchase of the \$2.50 Fight Hunger Bag and \$0.25 from every purchase of a Snack Pals Plate, priced 2/\$5.

The Fight Hunger Bag Program facilitates commu-

nity support with the goal of making a difference in the vicinities where shoppers live and work.

More than \$1 million has been donated to more than 1,400 hunger organizations since the Program launched in April 2014.

The Snack Pals Plates Program makes building lifelong eating habits fun while im-

proving nutrition in our local community. Snack Pals Plates are in special displays in the produce section at the store.

"With the increase of food prices along with the increase of food insecurity across our community, we can anticipate that supplying the food pantry with perishable and non-perishable items will become challenging. However,

with programs like this one, we can be sure our shelves, freezers, and refrigerators stay stocked" said LeAnn Pratt, Coordinator of Student Involvement at FMCC in a news release. "Our food pantry is supplied only from donations. Thus, this program will allow us to continue to combat food insecurity with students, faculty, and staff

here at FMCC."

FMCC Raiders Relief Food Pantry is a nonprofit based in Johnstown.

Founded in 2018, FMCC Raiders Relief Food Pantry has grown rapidly. The pantry had approximately 1,400 visits this past Spring 2023 semester.

During our Fall 2023 semester we have already exceeded

that number with more than 1,700 visits and continuously growing. Learn more about FMCC Raiders Relief Food Pantry by visiting Raiders Relief Food Pantry (fmcc.edu).

For more information on the Hannaford Fight Hunger Bag and Snack Pals Plates Programs, visit hannaford.2givelocal.com.