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Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance Elects New President

By Mirror Staff

John DiNuzzo has been elected president of the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance, succeeding Dr. Lyn Karig Hohmann, who served in the post for ten years.

DiNuzzo was vice-president of the not-for-profit organization and has been a member of its board since 2016.

DiNuzzo takes office just as the Fort George Visitors Center – which will be curated and operated by the Alliance – is about to open in the Lake George Park Commission's new building in Battlefield Park.

"The Visitor Interpretive Center will be the marquee attraction in

the Battlefield Park, serving as a wonderful introduction for visitors to the amazing history that has occurred here," said DiNuzzo.

According to DiNuzzo, the new Visitors Center will feature artifacts and exhibits highlighting such historically significant events as the 1755 Battle of Lake George, the massacre that followed the surrender of Fort William Henry in 1757 and the establishment of the Continental Army's smallpox hospital in 1776. Displays related to the Native Americans who fished and hunted near the present park will also be featured.

"The Battlefield Park has been an underappreciated historic jewel

in the midst of one of America's premier vacation areas—until now", said DiNuzzo. "New York State's creation of the Visitor Center establishes the Park as a primary destination."



A model of Fort George, created by Rick Conley, which will be displayed in the new Visitors Center.

In remarks delivered as she transferred the presidency to DiNuzzo, Hohmann credited the Board and the Alliance's members with accomplishing the long-time goal of creating the Park's Visitor

Interpretive Center.

Hohmann singled out Trustee Dr. Russell Bellico for being "the inspiration" for the Center and praised him for spending the countless hours necessary to

ensure the historical accuracy of the Visitors Center's displays.

Also elected at the organization's annual meeting on August 21 to guide the organization: Francis Cocozza, Vice President; Nancy Ross Bellamy, Secretary; Rosemarie Earl, Treasurer. Trustees elected include: Dr. Russell Bellico; Dr. Bruce Venter; Dr. Lyn Karig Hohmann; Lindsay Doyle; and Margy Mannix. They will be joined by incumbents Todd Earl and Jay Levenson.

The Trustees' service will aid the organization in its continued extraordinary growth period," said Hohmann.