

The Clarence Senior Center is in Good Hands.

A few weeks ago, I attended the 31st annual meeting of the Clarence Senior Center. For over 30 years the Town of Clarence has had a Senior Center that everyone can be proud of.

At the annual meeting the yearly report is given by the Board Chair, Violet Oldenski, the Board of Directors and the Center's Executive Director, Karla Madrid. The meeting is open to the entire membership of the Center and Town Officials.

There are over 1,100 Town residents that are members of the Center. Hundreds are in the Center every day participating in over 70 activities that our Center offers every year. Approximately 200 members were present to listen to the report.

The Senior Center Board believes in the Center's Mission and works every day trying to make our Town of Clarence Senior Center the best run in Western New York.

I am a member of many organizations, and without a doubt the Center's annual meeting and report is one of the most transparent and thorough. The Center has a dedicated Volunteer Board made up of a diverse group of individuals who have spent their entire professional lives in one form or another serving their family, their church and their Town. The Board is comprised of a diverse group of highly qualified individuals, all of which have extensive experience in either management, or given profession. This diversity includes college professors, computer specialists, and various business executives.

At the annual meeting the year's activities of the Center were highlighted along with financial reports. Even though the Center's Board meetings are open to its membership every month the annual report highlights changes in the Center and its future plans. Each Board member is on several committees. Everyone in attendance listened to presentations on accomplishments of directors that were responsible for a major committee at the Center.

As mentioned at the Annual Meeting, The Clarence Town Board and Town Departments support the Center and everything they do for our residents; we are lucky to have such positive leadership at our Center.

When my mother passed away my Father was truly lost. The Center saved his life. The companionship the Center brought to him by its many members helped fill the void lost with my mother's passing. The County Stay Fit program administered by the Center offering a lunch every day gave my father a purpose to go out and socialize with friends he hadn't been with for years.

There is nothing but good things coming to the Center in the future. The Senior Center has a lot to offer to its members. If you are over 55 years old, please consider joining a group of people you already know and enjoy everything the Center has to offer. Visit the Senior Center website for more information including services, activities, special events and transportation available to seniors - www.clarenceseniorcenter.org