

## Scardella named United Way Board President



**Cut line for photo:** Welcome aboard. Past President of the United Way of Greater Oswego County's Board of Directors, Dr. Richard Tesoriero of Tesoriero Chiropractic (l) and Executive Director of the United Way, Melanie Trexler, welcome new Board President, John Scardella (r). A long time board member, Scardella is Program Manager for the United Steelworkers Tony Mazzocchi Center for Health, Safety and Environmental Education.

**Fulton, NY** – Executive Director of the United Way of Greater Oswego County, Melanie Trexler has announced that John Scardella has been appointed President of the agency's Board of Directors.

For the past seven years Scardella has been very actively involved in the United Way of Greater Oswego County. A member of the agency's Board of Directors since 2002, Scardella has also served as either chairperson or co-chairperson of the United Way's Annual Campaign since 2003. A truly dedicated supporter of the United Way campaign, Scardella remains as committed as ever to helping the United Way of Greater Oswego County achieve its goals.

"I feel very strongly about the positive effect that the United Way has on Oswego County. Anyone sitting in on an allocation committee meeting would truly be amazed at how great the need is in our community and the remarkable way in which the United Way's member agencies stretch the dollars they receive from the United Way to continue to provide services that offer comfort and support to so many people in need. To be able to hear people's stories about how United Way funded programs have had a positive impact on their lives is very moving. The smiles on children's faces, the look of appreciation from a retiree's eyes for having the opportunity to enjoy a hot meal and the company of another person, it's the reason that I do what I do for the United Way," said Scardella.

Trexler was pleased that Scardella accepted the responsibilities of board president and is looking forward to him continuing the tradition of strong leadership and guidance that is expected of the board president.

"Our past board president, Dr. Richard Tesoriero did a wonderful job, said Trexler. "He brought the board's efforts to new heights and allowed us to reach some remarkable goals. Under the leadership of Dr. Tesoriero, we were able to achieve a number of significant accomplishments. His vision provided an inspiration to the other board members and the staff as well as we work with our member agencies to meet the multitude of human services needs that exist in Oswego County."

“Dr. Tesoriero’s guidance and the enthusiasm helped put the United Way on a successful path that is helping us realize our vision of building a stronger community. I am confident that John will demonstrate the same level of commitment and dedication that Dr. Tesoriero has shown and use his own unique ideas and vision to move our organization forward in the years to come.”

As board president, Scardella is looking forward to the challenges that lie ahead. “As we look ahead it will be important for us to find innovative ways to reach our goals and maintain the success of our annual campaign. We will be focused on educating the public and reminding them that their support of the United Way of Greater Oswego County is the best way for their donations to have a positive impact on their community. We want our donors to realize the tremendous impact that their dollars have on the lives of those in need in our community and how important our member agency programs which are funded by the United Way are to the overall health of Oswego County,” said Scardella.

Program Manager for the United Steelworkers Tony Mazzocchi Center for Health, Safety and Environmental Education, Scardella resides in New Haven with his wife Michele. His son Brian is majoring in athletic sports medicine at Ithaca College and his son Tom is employed by Oswego Industries in the sheltered workshop program.

For more information on the United Way of Greater Oswego County contact your United Way office at 593-1900.

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