

**JANUARY 2025**

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## Public Meeting

Our next public meeting will be held on Thursday January 16th beginning at 7pm at the Heritage Discovery Center. The Heritage Discovery Center is located at 100 Lee Street just off of South Park Avenue in the City of Buffalo. Parking is located at the rear of the building and you enter through the rear stairwell entrance. Following a brief business meeting to update you on the latest news from the Society, as well as the election of Trustees, we will have brief intermission before the presentation of the evening's program.

## Member's Image Night

After the election and a brief business meeting to bring you up to date with the latest news of the Society, our program will be presented by you, our members. It's our annual members Slide and Image night. You are invited to bring up to 40 slides or digital images of your favorite shots, subject, or just highlighting your latest rail vacation. We will have a slide and/or video projector for your use.

Also, a reminder that it's time to renew your membership in the Society. If you have not yet sent in your 2025 renewal, attached please find the renewal form. Bring it to the meeting, or just mail it in with your payment. See you at the Meeting!!!

## February Train & Toy Show

The annual Winter Train & Toy Show will be held on Saturday February 15th and Sunday February 16th at the Hamburg Fairgrounds Events Center. Hours are 10am to 5pm on Saturday and 10am to 4pm on Sunday. Admission is still \$8.00 for Adults and Children 12 & under are free as well as the parking.

There will be several operating layouts, Legos activities for the kids and nearly 400 vendor tables to shop from. Also stop by the Society table to say hello. Call Art Toale for table reservations at 837-1971.

## President's Note to Members :

WNYRHS Nominations for Trustees are listed in this flyer. If you are or know someone with management, financial, construction or mechanical skills; have a legal, insurance, accounting, or editorial back round and are willing to devote time and energy to your Society step up! Elections of your organization's Trustees will be held at 7pm Thursday January 16, 2025.

2025 – We need to continue to protect WNYRHS from risk and liabilities, to conserve assets. To develop funding so each entity of WNYRHS , rolling stock, museum, HDC, Orchard Park Depot, Williamsville Depot and special projects can be maintained, restored and expanded.

With your commitment, your support, 2025 can be an outstanding record-breaking year.

Proud to be your President, *Caryl Youngers*

## Membership Renewal Time

Its that time of year to renew your membership in the Western New York Railway Historical Society. Our memberships lists are finally caught up and Art Toale will be taking over the Membership Secretary duties as of the first of the year.

We also hope that many of you will decide to volunteer some time to help support the Society's activities. We need volunteers especially now at the Orchard Park Depot and at the Heritage Discovery Center. Email the Society at [wnyrhs@gmail.com](mailto:wnyrhs@gmail.com) to find out how you can help out.

### Notice of Upcoming Trustee Election

The terms of Trustees Bruce Heatley, Joe Kocsis, Luke Topolski and Stephen Kocsis will end in December and Trustee Barbara Owens has advised of her intention to retire as Treasurer and also as Trustee. Bruce Heatley and Luke Topolski have indicated they will not seek re-election. With the passing of Jim Slominski, we will have up to 4 Trustee Board seats open. Art Toale is serving as the Nomination Chairman and has reported that Joe Kocsis and Stephen Kocsis will seek re-election. Art also reports that 3 individuals, Greg Lund, Jeffrey Sweet and Alan Olmstead have indicated their desire to become a Trustee leaving one seat to fill. If interested, please contact Art at 716-837-1791 before the meeting.