

Civic Center Names New Board

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Five new members joined the board of the Reg Lenna Civic Center in January. They are David Bargar, Nina Gustafson, Lori McGowan, Pat White and John Zabrodsky.

Bargar is the branch manager for AVI Food Systems in Jamestown. He earned a bachelor's degree from Westminster College in Fulton, Mo., and has additional training in business management and food service distribution. He was the 1985 general chairman of United Way, past president of the American Red Cross, past board member of WCA Hospital and is commodore of the Chautauqua Lake Yacht Club. Besides extensive travel, he has been involved in the arts since high school, taking part in both the high school and Little Theatre productions.

Bargar spent summers at Chautauqua as a youth and has long been a supporter of area arts, including active participation in the Fund for the Arts annual campaign and in the 1986 Capital Fund

Drive for the Reg Lenna Civic Center.

Ms. Gustafson is branch manager of the Dunkirk office of Fleet Bank and brings more than 14 years of financial services experience to the board. She is a musician. She earned an associate's degree from Jamestown Community College and did undergraduate work at both the State College at Fredonia and the State University of New York at Buffalo. She is on the Lucille Ball Theater of Jamestown Board of Directors, the executive board of the Chautauqua County Chapter of the American Cancer Society, the Downtown Jamestown Development Corporation Board, on the board of the Dunkirk Chamber of Commerce and a board member of the Community Music Project.

Ms. Gustafson considers the arts an important part of the community. "I believe the involvement in the arts can play an important part in child development," she said.

Ms. McGowan has a master's degree in child-adolescent psychiatric nursing and co-founded Kids Place in Batavia. She is the owner of Skillman and Wight. Other activities include the Bemus Point PTA, Maple Grove Wellness Advisory Committee and the YMCA. A firm supporter of the combination of the arts and children, Ms. McGowan notes, "The arts were important in my growing up. Children could benefit greatly from more exposure to the arts."

Ms. White formally joins the Civic Center Board after having been a volunteer for both the Civic Center and the Arts Council for more than 30 years. Retired from the position of assistant director of the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System, where she worked for 31 years, she received a master's in library science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and had further training in librarianship and research. She was a founding member of the Arts Council for Chautauqua