

## **Board Director Nominations**

### **Amy McCoy, Schroon Lake EMS**

Amy was born at Moses Ludington Hospital in Ticonderoga and has lived in Schroon Lake her entire life. Amy comes from a very large family who have been involved in numerous organizations and committees in the community. She has three daughters, and several brothers and sisters who live close by, as well as her parents.

Since 2011, Amy has been a volunteer member of the Schroon Lake EMS, where she appreciates being able to help community members when the need arises. She also likes planning events and creating a family-based atmosphere for everyone to enjoy. If chosen to serve on the Chamber of Commerce Board, Amy looks forward to helping create a strong partnership with Schroon Lake's emergency services and continuing the progress already achieved by assisting in any way she can.

### **Laura Baker Orr, Owner, The "Baker"y**

Laura graduated from Plattsburgh State University in 2002 with a Bachelor's degree in Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management and a Business minor. She has over 10 years' experience in the hospitality industry. Laura also worked for county government for seven years, including service as a Principal Account Clerk in the Essex County Treasurer's Office. For the past six years, Laura has been the sole proprietor of her own small business, The "Baker"y in Mineville.

In October of 2019, Laura moved to Schroon Lake with her husband, Bill and three children, Barrett (7), Gianna (2) and Petra (10 months). According to Laura, the family was drawn to Schroon Lake because of the outstanding school system and the beauty of the town, and in their short time here they have been made to feel very welcome and are beyond impressed by the strong sense of community they have witnessed. By joining the Chamber Board, Laura hopes to offer a fresh, new perspective while learning more about the community and meeting more of its members.

### **David Peterson, Pastor, Mountainside Bible Chapel**

David Peterson was a member of the Schroon Lake graduating class of 1975. His wife Ruthie (Metthe), whose parents owned the Maple Leaf Motel from 1959 to the mid-1980s, grew up in Schroon Lake and was a 1974 SLCS graduate. David earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Leadership from Carin University and a Masters in Ministry Leadership from the Baptist Bible Seminary. He has 15 years of business experience, with five years as a restaurant manager and owner, and 10 years as a software programming and development manager.

David has been involved in pastoral ministry for 29 years. The family moved back to Schroon Lake in 2005, where David currently serves as Pastor of Mountainside Bible Chapel. David is also the Administrator for the Schroon Lake NY Facebook group page with 8,000+ Members. His desire to be a part of the Chamber comes from his love for Schroon Lake. David hopes to contribute ideas to keep the town progressing and ensuring the success of local businesses, and helping promote opportunities for citizens to volunteer and participate in local events. In 2019, David and Darren Woods worked with the Chamber of Commerce on fundraising for the Fourth of July celebration. With their help, in particular direct outreach efforts, the Chamber raised a record high \$20,604 in donations.

### **Sharon Steen, Owner/Operator, Starry Night Cabins**

Sharon and her husband David have owned Starry Night Cabins (formerly Rawlins Motel) since August 2001. They launched Starry Night Cabins, our family and pet friendly cabin rental business on Fowler Avenue, and raised their son there. The family previously owned Rowe's Lake Breeze Cottages and Blue Ridge Motel.

Sharon earned a B.S. degree in Business Administration from The College of New Jersey. She grew up and spent summers working in the hospitality industry at the Jersey Shore, then moved to Florida after graduation to pursue a career in the legal arena. Sharon's work experience includes business and office management, executive administrative support, legal practices, accounting and financial planning/fiscal reporting. Sharon was chairperson of the Schroon Lake 4th of July parade for several years, previously served as secretary for the Schroon Lake Planning Board and treasurer of Cub Scout Pack 37, was an "on call" substitute teacher at SLCS, and is currently the Business Manager at SUNY ESF (College of Environmental Science and Forestry), Newcomb Campus. Now that Sharon is an "empty nester" she has time to participate in the Chamber and give back to the community of Schroon Lake that has been so good to her family.

### **Darren Woods, Artistic Director, Seagle Music Colony**

Darren was appointed General Director of the Seagle Music Colony in the summer of 1996. Since that time, the Colony has experienced incredible growth in almost every aspect including budget, production quality, facilities and faculty/staff. Because of this extensive growth and the need for a full-time presence in Schroon Lake, Darren transitioned to part-time Artistic Director in January 2008, but then returned to full-time in February 2017 and is now also leading the Colony's development and fundraising efforts.

Darren was General Director of the Fort Worth Opera from 2001 to 2017. Prior to that, he was the General Director of the Shreveport Opera in Louisiana. While in Shreveport, he founded Shreveport Opera Express, or SOX, a touring, arts in education program that involved school children working with professional artists in the schools. Darren is committed to the growth and well-being of the Schroon Lake community. As an experienced fundraiser, Darren was instrumental in helping to raise record-setting funds for the 2019 Fourth of July celebration and will bring those and other leadership and development talents to the Chamber Board.

## **Board Officer Nominations**

### **Randy Garrison, Owner, Rowe's Adirondack Cabins - President**

Randy Garrison, owner of Rowe's Adirondack Cabins, is seeking his second term as Board President. Randy relocated his family from Connecticut to New York several years ago, purchasing Rowe's Adirondack Cottages (the former Rowe's Lake Breeze Cottages), and he and his family now make Schroon Lake their home. Prior to his relocation, Randy had served in increasingly responsible roles at multiple heavy highway construction companies as well as privately owned corporations.

Randy is focused on family, diversity, a positive attitude and dedication to volunteerism, with a passion for being involved with local fundraisers and event planning. He has devoted his time to various non-profit boards and committees in Connecticut and New York. Randy enjoys inspiring entrepreneurs, non-profit organizations, and community groups. He is always eager to meet the residents of Schroon Lake via his Open-Door Policy and is excited to collaborate with other community members, businesses and local government to make Schroon Lake a better place to work, live and play while preserving the family atmosphere of the community.

Under his direction in his first term as president, the Chamber building has undergone significant renovations and Randy hopes to continue that effort, as well as focus on introducing events and activities to promote Schroon Lake as a year-round tourist destination and grow the business community.

## **Brooke Clark, Associate Broker, Peak Select Properties – Vice President**

Brooke grew up spending her summers on Skylark Lane in Schroon Lake with her parents, eventually moving here permanently with her husband Darrell to raise their daughter Sloan. Brooke is dedicated to helping the Schroon Lake Region be a more vibrant and successful community for not only local businesses and residents, but also for visitors and travelers.

Brooke is a licensed Associate Broker with Peak Select Properties, and has had scores of people from throughout the region purchase their dream home or business. Brooke has also served as outreach coordinator for Essex County Public Health, program director for the Schenectady ARC, worked in clinical services for Mountain Lake Services, North East Parent and Child Society, Mental Health Association of Essex County, CWI and Citizens Advice Bureau in the Bronx NY. In addition, Brooke has also worked for Essex County Social Services, served as a substitute teacher for the Schroon Lake, Ticonderoga and Crown Point school districts, and worked as a corporate trainer for Capital Restaurant Concepts in Washington, DC.

In seeking her second term as Vice President, Brooke hopes to develop stronger outreach and collaboration with neighboring communities, add new and exciting Chamber activities, and continue to recruit members and volunteers.

## **Ginny Kern, Owner, ADK MTN Pillows – Treasurer**

Ginny hales from southern New Hampshire via northern Vermont, and chose to settle here in Schroon Lake with her mom several years ago. Ginny has one daughter, Caellie Kern, who is currently attending medical school in the Pittsburgh area.

Ginny brings a diverse background, starting in the mid-1980's when she worked as a business analyst, moving to internal financial auditing, then computer security, and finally into teaching. She is currently an artisan-entrepreneur, as owner of ADK MTN Pillows, where she produces handmade, hand-painted art pillows which are sold both via wholesale and retail.

Ginny served as treasurer for the New Hampshire Homeschooling Coalition and on the Board of Directors and Finance Committee for both the Temple Wilton Community Farm and Support Tutorial for Youth in New Hampshire.

During her first term as Treasurer, Ginny was instrumental in updating the accounting and payroll systems and introducing controls and fiscal accountability as per established accounting practices. Ginny is seeking her second term as Board Treasurer to continue those efforts.