

**FRIENDS OF KNOX FARM STATE PARK, INC.**  
**2020 NOMINEES FOR ELECTION TO THE BOARD**

The Nominees are (\* indicates an incumbent Director):

**\*Paul A. Battaglia**

Paul has served on the Friends Board since 2006. He is currently Vice President of the organization, having previously served as President for a three-year period, and, before that, as Vice President for a two-year period. He is a graduate of Canisius College and the University of Buffalo Law School (magna cum laude). Paul joined the firm of Jaeckle, Fleischmann & Mugel in Buffalo upon his graduation from Law School in 1972, and was a partner of the firm from 1976 until his withdrawal from the firm in August of 2012. He has been a member of the Adjunct Faculty of the University of Buffalo Law School since 1994, where he has taught a course in non-profit organizations for the last ten years. Over the years, Paul has served on the Boards of, and has held leadership positions with, many community organizations. In addition to his service with Friends, Paul is presently serving as a member of the Board of Directors of Just Buffalo Literary Center, Inc., Buffalo Suzuki Strings, Inc. and Ujima Company, Incorporated. He resides in Orchard Park, New York.

**Stanley L. “Lee” Evans**

Lee has previously served on Family Promise of WNY’s Board of Directors from 2012 through 2020. During that time, Family Promise of WNY grew from an ad hoc network of temporary shelters to a brick and mortar wrap-around resource center for local families experiencing homelessness. A lifelong Buffalo resident, Lee is excited to be nominated to join a board dedicated to the enrichment of WNYers’ lives and preservation of WNY’s history. He enjoys hiking, camping, tennis, canoeing, podcasts and traveling with his wife. A graduate of the University at Buffalo Law School, Lee is a partner at Gerber Ciano Kelly Brady LLP and chairs the firm’s Workers’ Compensation practice group.

**\*Carlie Graves**

Carlie has served on the Friends Board since 2018. Prior to joining the Board, she was a volunteer at nearly every Friends event. The Park holds a special place in her heart, having spent part of her childhood living in the apartment above the Stables. Carlie graduated from East Aurora High School and attended Canisius College, where she received a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood and Special Education, and then a Master of Science in Education for Differentiated Instruction. She is currently a special education teacher at Wee CAN Preschool & Childcare. Carlie lives in East Aurora and frequents the Park with her two dogs. In addition to her desire to maintain, preserve, and improve our beautiful Park, Carlie’s goal as a Board member is to facilitate a better connection between area schools and their use of the Park.

**\*Gerard “Jerry” Irving**

Jerry has served on the Friends Board since 2014. He is currently the President of the organization, having served previously as Vice President for a three-year period. Jerry is Director of Human Resources at Moog Inc., Space and Defense Group, East Aurora. A retired Naval Commander, Jerry brings his talent of Human Resources and Strategic Planning to the Board. He has served on the Board of Directors of Homespace, has been active in various United Way campaigns, and is past Chair of the East Aurora Chamber of Commerce. He holds a

Master's Degree in Organizational Leadership from St. Bonaventure University, and a Bachelor of Science degree from LeMoyne College. He resides in East Aurora, New York.

**\*David Schifferle**

Dave has served on the Friends Board since 2018. He is married with three grown children, all of whom graduated from East Aurora schools and live in the Western New York area. For more than a decade, he had been a coach for the Aurora Arsenal, coached recreation league girls' softball, was active in Cub Scouts, and has sung in the WNY Advent Chorale performing Handel's Messiah at Bakers Church. He is currently a program manager with the Naval Business Unit at Moog Inc. Dave has a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, and has completed many post-graduate classes. He spent 27 years at Motorola, Inc., where he held various positions including Product Engineering, Design, Engineering Management and Operations. Dave is very interested in the well-being of Knox Farm State Park, and enjoys the beauty, history and importance the Park brings to the community and surrounding areas. Dave believes he offers the Board a unique perspective from a project and priority standpoint, and will carry out his Board duties with enthusiasm and compassion.

**Caroline M. Walter**

Caroline has served on the Friends Board since September of 2020. She is a Certified Public Accountant from Orchard Park. She is currently a Supervisor at Freed Maxick CPAs in the Audit and Assurance department. She is a graduate of SUNY Geneseo and Nardin Academy. Caroline has previously served as the Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee at S.S. Columba Brigid and a committee member for the inaugural annual walk/5K for the Kidney Foundation of Western New York. She has five years of experience in public accounting specializing in real estate, not for profit entities and employee benefit plans. She has been visiting the park for several years and enjoys taking her husky to the dog park on a frequent basis. Caroline is hoping to give back to her local community and serve the Board with her experience and skills as a CPA.