



NICKEL CITY STAR

NIAGARA SECTION

BUFFALO, NIAGARA FALLS, AND WESTERN NEW YORK STATE WINTER 2019-2020

Christmas Party at the East Aurora Country Club

Many of us had attended our Valentine's Party at the EACC, so we knew what to expect... perfection! It was a beautiful, sunny winter day with peaceful winter views of the golf course. But all our attention was focused inside as we were greeted by Santa Claus himself, and the committee members who had done a masterful job working with Eric and his staff to make Christmas special for us.



The party room was decorated for the holiday season and we were immediately in the spirit of the occasion. We enjoyed having a very good turnout of section members who not only enjoyed the view afforded them, but the company of their fellow members. Several new members joined us and we were delighted to meet them.



Our charity for 2019 is the "Family Justice Center" who support domestic violence victims and their children. A worthy cause for sure.

Awards were presented by Bill Fix to Section Member(s) of the Year, **Fred and Mary Ann Liesinger**. And, a special award given to only one of dozens of qualifiers in the entire Northeast Region, went to our own secretary, **Joanie Long**. Congratulations to Joanie for earning Officer of the Year!

Fred and Mary Ann Liesinger and Ed Yungbluth and Bev Basinski did a splendid job of providing us such a beautiful venue for this year's holiday party. Niagara Section etched cocktail glasses were a nice touch as favors everyone will enjoy. Thank you to the committee! - *More photos on page 5.*



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Welcome New Officers for 2020—2022

L to R: **Joanie Long, President**
Jeff Gaffney, Vice President
Fran Baumgartner, Secretary
Bev Basinski, Treasurer



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You might also want to check out Niagara Section on the National MBCA website. This is not a Facebook page but it is available to anyone on the internet. Besides the National club information, our section will have activities listed and brief descriptions of the results of the events.

2020 EVENTS CALENDAR - PLEASE SEE LAST PAGE

Questions? Call your Section President (See page 2) or our National Business Office at 1.800.637.2360 M-F 8am—5pm MT, or visit www.mbc.org

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A quote from John Maxwell, "Change is inevitable, growth is optional". As the elected officers of your club change, we are excited to start 2020 with some new eyes and ideas. Pun intended! I sincerely thank Bill Fix for championing our club for the last two years, amid personal responsibilities. He showed such courage and leadership and we are all grateful for his dedication to our club.



I've listened to suggestions for ways we can improve our events and meetings which include having more driving events, car shows and continuing the camaraderie of friends in this club. As our new National MB club president, Julie Bruggner, says, "It's not a car club, it's a community!" With that in mind, I urge all of you to come to meetings and events and be part of our wonderful community of MB enthusiasts. Check our calendar and join us! We are also on Facebook and on our website. I am happy to communicate with any of you, anytime, at joanielong@verizon.net or at 716-655-4515.

I look forward to an exciting, fun-filled year of growth with our MB club friends!

NEW MEMBERS

Jennifer Mobilia

Rochester

Dennis Peruzzini

East Aurora

Nathan Rifenberg

West Clarksville

John Henrich

Eden

Toni Schueler

West Falls

*WELCOME , and thank you for joining us!
(Current members: Don't forget to renew!)*

Drive and Dine - the Rheinblick Restaurant

Canandaigua NY

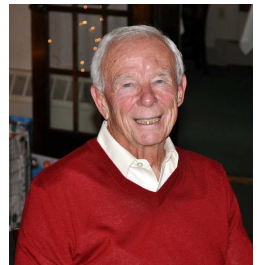
A great drive through Fall foliage-lined highways again led us to the Rheinblick for fabulous German food and drink, and fun! Fall in Western New York is one of the best for motoring and sightseeing, as we have done many times. Canandaigua is a favorite spot to visit and the lake views are wonderful. "Rheinblick" means View of the Rhine, and it's as close as we come to seeing the famous river unless of course, we take a much longer trip!



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Christmas Party pictures...



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MBCA Niagara Section

2020 Wine & Food Tasting Party

Sunday, January 19, 2020 at 2 P.M.

Hosted by Fred and Mary Ann Liesinger
107 Lorelee Drive, Tonawanda, NY 14150



Bring a bottle of your favorite wine and be prepared to present it with some history,
or a brief explanation of why you chose the wine.
Also, we ask that you bring a dish to share (finger foods, salad or dessert).



**Please RSVP to Fred and Mary Ann
by January 16.**

fredmaryann@hotmail.com

or 716-692-3572

ARROWHEAD WINE CELLARS HARVEST FESTIVAL CRUISE-IN

We were invited to participate in a new (to us, anyway) Harvest Festival in North East Pennsylvania in August. Hosted by our new member, Jennifer Mobilia, we were treated like royalty! The event featured wine and beer tastings, facility tours and... a car show! Anticipating rain, many opted to stay home, but those of us who attended were surprised by a beautiful dry afternoon.

Count us in for next year too!



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Catalog Page #	Item Code	Description	Color(s)	Size S,M,L	\$ Each +\$9 Logo*	Quantity	Total \$
						Total amount of order	

*Note: The added charge for the Niagara Section logo is currently \$9 per item. Also, hats and other smaller items are not suitable for logo application.

2. Plan your order using this order sheet, then contact: Chris Kmicinski at 716-687-1104 or cjkmicinski@aol.com Mention that you are placing a Mercedes Club order.
3. **Pricing will be determined at time of ordering.** Payment may be made by credit card or by check (mailed to Promo Actives, 454 Olean Road, East Aurora, NY 14052)
4. Items may be picked up at Promo Actives or at Niagara Section monthly meetings by special arrangement with Joanie. Please contact her at 716-655-4515, or email joanielong@verizon.net

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UPCOMING EVENTS—PRINT, CLIP AND SAVE!

- **Monthly Member Meetings:** *Third Tuesday of each month at Hillview Restaurant, 6:30 PM. All members and guests are welcome! (No meetings in June, July, August or December.)*
- **January 19—Wine Tasting Party,** 2 PM, 107 Lorelee Dr, Tonawanda 14150. Please RSVP to fredmaryann@hotmail.com or 716-692-3572. See page 6
- **January 21—6:30 Monthly meeting** at Hillview Restaurant, 6135 Transit Rd., Depew 14043
- **February 16—Valentine's Luncheon** at the Tower Room in the Wurlitzer Building, 908 Niagara Falls Blvd., N. Tonawanda NY 14120*
- **February 18—6:30 Monthly meeting** at Hillview Restaurant, 6135 Transit Rd., Depew 14043
- **March 14—Pancake Breakfast at Cartwright's,** Angelica, NY, details on email*
- **March 17—6:30 Monthly meeting** at Hillview Restaurant, 6135 Transit Rd., Depew 14043
- **April 21—6:30 Monthly meeting** at Hillview Restaurant, 6135 Transit Rd., Depew 14043
- **May 19—6:30 Monthly meeting** at Hillview Restaurant, 6135 Transit Rd., Depew 14043
- April, May Events TBD*

Please see our Facebook page and our website Niagara.mbca.org for calendar information and details!

***Watch for future announcements and details on email!**

Members of all sections and guests are always invited to Niagara Section events.

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