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PEOPLE OF NOTE

Wakefield resident joins Lifeworks as HR Director

Lifeworks, a nonprofit human services provider that supports people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, recently announced that Wakefield resident Steve Cantine has been named director of human resources.

Cantine brings nearly 20 years of human resources experience to the role, where he will oversee the agency's employee relations, recruitment, retention, compensation, diversity and performance initiatives. This includes the development of new recruiting initiatives, improving staff training, and supporting diversity, equity and inclusion within the agency, as well as staff recognition and appreciation initiatives.

"Steve's depth of experience and strong knowledge of HR policies and procedures are perfectly aligned with our needs. He will be instrumental in maintaining and improving our employee satisfaction and engagement initiatives," said Lifeworks CEO Daniel Burke. "With over 400 employees, it is extremely important for us to be able to listen to our employees and successfully collaborate with them. Our employees are essential and key to our mission of advocating, empowering and providing opportunities for people with disabilities."

Before joining Lifeworks, Cantine was the human resources manager for Finetco in Rhode Island. Previously, he provided operational oversight and leadership in his role as director of the Center for Career & Professional Development at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I. Cantine earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from SUNY Geneseo and a master's degree in career counseling from California State University.

and day-out to make sure that people have what they need. Those people are the real heroes," she said.

Hayward is a former Secretary of the state's Executive Office of Health and Human Services and retired earlier this year as President and CEO of the R.I. Health Center Association, which provides medical, dental and behavioral health care services to nearly 180,000 Rhode Islanders.

"I was drawn to the helping profession and I think it came from being a child of the 1960s and early-seventies. Coming of age when the Vietnam War was raging, young people really thought they could change the direction of that war, and they did. That made all of us feel empowered. That's what drew me in," she said.

"For me, the decision point was, do you do that from the inside or do you do that from the outside. I chose to go inside the system, and it was rewarding. It is an opportunity to demonstrate that there is a legitimate purpose to government; there is a legitimate purpose to helping people. Government provides you with a way to be able to execute that," she explained.

Hayward earned her bachelor's and master's degrees at Rhode Island College. She co-chairs the Foundation's Long-term Health Planning Committee, is involved in the Foundation's Health Professional Loan Repayment Program and co-chaired the Foundation's community input initiative that provided insights for the proposed integrated academic health system.

"She understands government, public policy and budgets, but more than anything she understands the needs of the people of Rhode Island and is willing to shoulder the responsibility that comes with meeting those needs," said Neil D. Steinberg, the Foundation's president and CEO.

BULLETIN BOARD

ONGOING

Annual Fair Queen and Princess Contest

The Washington County Fair will be sponsoring its Annual Queen and Princess Contest prior to the start of the Washington County Fair, sponsored by the Washington County Pomona Grange. The Fair will run from Wednesday August 17 to Sunday August 21 at the Washington County Fairgrounds on Route 112 in Richmond. Applicants must be a resident of Washington County, a member of a Rhode Island Grange or a member of a Rhode Island 4-H or FFA Chapter. The Princess Contest is for girls 14-16 years of age. The Queen Contest is for young women 17-21 years of age. Rehearsal will take place Saturday August 13 before the Fair at 3 p.m. at Richmond Grange Hall in West Kingston. Judging will take place Sunday August 14 before the Fair at Richmond Grange Hall. The winners will be announced on Wednesday August 17 on the main stage at Washington County Fairgrounds at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Meghan Sears at 401-284-8898 or meghanrs@gmail.com.

RI Dahlia Society exhibiting at Washington County Fair

The RI Dahlia Society will have a display of Dahlias at the Washington County Fair in the Agriculture Building on August 20. Vases of Dahlias will also be on display throughout the week.

South Ferry Church Speaker Program Series

The South Ferry Church on South Ferry Road in Narragansett will host a series of community speaking programs this month.

Pertinent to state, national and international issues and

MSNBC, National Public Radio, BBC, and C-SPAN.

Finally, on Monday, Aug. 29, Paula Bontempi will present "Climate Change: Action and Optimism." Her talk will showcase the phenomena of climate events, how the Narragansett Bay Campus supports climate change research and adaptation strategies in Rhode Island, and a journey through the frontiers of our home planet.

South County Chamber Singers Seeking Artistic Director

The South County Chamber Singers are accepting applications for the position of Artistic Director. The SCCS is a non-profit singing group of 25-30 members. The Artistic Director selects concert repertoire, conducts rehearsals and concerts. The Artistic Director is also responsible for engaging instrumentalists, soloists, and the accompanist, as well as meeting quarterly with the Governing Board. Historically, SCCS performs two concerts each fall and two in the spring. Duties would commence immediately upon appointment to prepare for the spring 2023 concerts. The group's fiscal year began July 1. Applications will be accepted through September 1, with candidate selection shortly thereafter. Send your resume and a brief letter of introduction as email attachments to: southcountychambersingers@gmail.com.

2022 Wakefield RiverFire Event Series

Riverfire returns to downtown Wakefield this summer with weekly events every Thursday evening from 6-10 p.m. through Aug. 18. Parking is free at the Wakefield town municipal parking lots and street parking is available. Admission is free, though non-perishable food and monetary donations to benefit the Johnnycake Cen-

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