

# Headlines

## **United Way of Cayuga County Board of Directors Announce 2009 Campaign Chairs**



The United Way of Cayuga County is pleased to announce this year's Campaign Chairs, Gino and Maxine Alberici. Gino, born and raised in the community, and Maxine, living in the area for over 47 years, are very active and well-known Cayuga County residents. Gino Alberici, retired from Port Byron High School after teaching 34 years, dedicated his life to his students as a teacher, coach and mentor. In 1953, he was named to the first team All-Star Eleven Upstate NY Football Team and to the U.S. High School All American Football Team. He graduated from Holy Cross in 1960 with a B.S. Degree in Education and continued on to graduate studies at Syracuse University and Oswego State. Gino was also one of the most successful football coaches in New York State with 167 wins, coaching the Port Byron Football Team 32 seasons and winning 13 League Titles. Gino was inducted into the Auburn High School Hall of Fame in 2003. In addition to Gino's victorious teaching and coaching career, he is as equally active in the community, serving 9 years as a member of the Auburn Board of Education, 2 of those as president. He also served on the Board of Directors for the Neighborhood House, United Way Campaign Retired Teachers Division and as a Commissioner of Pony League. Gino is a former member of the Owasco Fire Department, Owasco Bicentennial Committee and Sacred Heart Parish Council. He recently retired as Chair of the Friends of Hospice board. He is presently a councilman on the Owasco Town Board, a member of the Cayuga County Parks & Trails Commission, a member of the Board of Directors for the YMCA-WEIU and a member of the Business Development Board of Tompkins Trust.

Maxine Alberici grew up on a farm in Guilford, New York, graduated from Guilford High School and received her B.S. degree from State University at Oneonta, School of Home Economics. She continued her education with graduate studies at Oneonta, Oswego State and St. Rose. Maxine started her career at Port Byron School District in 1961. In 1963, she took time out to raise her six children and become rigorously involved in her children's many activities including school, sports and church. Maxine returned to teaching in the Home Economics Department at Auburn High School in 1980, retiring in 1995. Like Gino, Maxine is extremely involved in the

community, volunteering in many community not-for-profit organizations. She recently retired from Friends of Hospice board, serving 7 years and Board of Managers of the Faatz-Crofut Home, serving 2 years. Maxine has been serving for the past 12 years; the Community Preservation Committee (Willard Chapel) presently as treasurer and the Historic & Cultural Sites Commission, presently as chairman. She also currently serves as a member of the Matthew House Board, Founders Day Committee and Team of Rivals Committee. Maxine continues to stay active in numerous church activities and enjoys being a “Red Hat Lady” in her spare time.

Gino and Maxine, married for 47 years, have six children: Jim (*and Kristy*), Joanne (*and Steve*), John (*and Wendy*), Joe (*and Petra*), Jeffrey (*and Megan*), Jason (*and Leigh*) and fifteen grandchildren. They have devoted their lives to their family, friends and community. “We are extremely honored to be this year’s United Way Campaign Chairs. We have a lot of hard work ahead of us but we are confident that we, United Way’s volunteers and the residents of Cayuga County will, once again, prove to be extraordinary citizens and step-up in these times of hardship to help those less fortunate and in need of assistance”, stated Gino Alberici, 2009 Campaign Chair. “Gino and I could not be prouder of our community and all it has accomplished throughout the years,” remarked Maxine Alberici, 2009 Campaign Chair.

As this year’s Campaign Chairs, Gino and Maxine will play a large part in the campaign throughout the season, from contacting supporters to presenting at local companies to being the spokes people for United Way. “We are all very pleased that Gino and Maxine have accepted the positions of Campaign Chairs. They are wonderful people who posses the passion and diverse knowledge it takes to run a successful campaign. They are committed to United Way’s mission to improve lives and advance the common good and they understand the needs in our community, which is the most important part of who we are and what we do,” said Dr. Daniel P. Larson, United Way’s Board President.