

Jim Burke elected head of Twin Cities Meals on Wheels

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The new officers who will lead the board of directors of Twin Cities Meals on Wheels are, from left, Rick Henderson, secretary; Curt Gaume, treasurer; Jim Burke, president; and Denise Sawalsky, vice president. Former president Kurt Bauer retired after 14 years as president. Contributed photo

At the November board of directors meeting, Kurt Bauer, who has headed the board for 14 years, retired as president of the Twin Cities Meals on Wheels.

The board accepted Bauer's decision and members voted to install a new slate of officers. Board members congratulated Bauer who put all his efforts into seeing that TCMOW continued, even though the challenges had been great.

The new officers are Jim Burke, president; Denise Sawalsky, vice president; Rick Henderson, secretary; and Curt Gaume, treasurer.

The change comes as TCMOW is about to begin celebrating its 50th year of service to the community. Its service initially was just for those in North Tonawanda, but then TCMOW expanded its service range to include Tonawanda.

"I've enjoyed the challenges that keep occurring, most of them when you least expect them," Bauer said. "They talk about strengths in numbers, and our staff and volunteers are certainly a good example. Do you realize that we're one of the four remaining independent Meals on Wheels left in the Erie and Niagara County area? I've dreaded and loved Twin Cities Meals on Wheels all at the same time. Thank you all for helping us to continue as a quality organization," he concluded.

Burke announced his goals, which are to establish a method to increase awareness of the organization ability to deliver meals to the Twin Cities, to plan a better connection with the business community of the Twin Cities to solicit their support and, finally, to expand its volunteer base on which the organization is so dependent for food preparation, drivers and office support.

For more information on Twin Cities Meals on Wheels, call 716-693-1663.