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LCHS WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

LOWVILLE, NY— The Lewis County Health System Board of Managers welcomes two new members, Vincent P. Nortz, Lowville, N.Y., and John Richard “Ric” Schwartz, Brantingham, N.Y., to the Board.

“We are fortunate to have these individuals join our Board of Managers,” stated Michael Young, President of LCHS Board of Managers. “They are joining a talented group of board members who already support and guide our organization.”

Mr. Vincent Nortz, Lewis County Legislature District 5 seat, was appointed the Board of Legislators representative on the Board of Managers. He attended SUNY Oswego and retired from Kraft-Heinz in Lowville, where he worked for more than 40 years at the plant. Mr. Nortz was responsible for quality control and line production and was 3rd Shift facilitator.

Mr. Nortz has volunteered as a youth coach for soccer and basketball and is a New York State Football Track and Field Official. He is an honorary Lowville Volunteer Fire Department member, holding vice president and president offices. He also served on the Lewis County Cause and Origin Team.

He currently works at Tractor Supply. Mr. Nortz has lived in the Village of Lowville for 44 years, is married, and has four children and two grandchildren.

Mr. Ric Schwartz is a graduate of State University College at Fredonia. He spent his 45-year career serving people with disabilities, retiring from The Arc Greater Hudson Valley, where he served as Executive Director for 20 years.

“Serving the community has always been an essential part of my work, and I am looking forward to serving with fellow Lewis County Health System board members and administration to help achieve the goals and mission of the organization,” stated Mr. Schwartz.

Mr. Schwartz spent many years vacationing at Brantingham Lake with his family. In 2010, he and his wife purchased a home on the Lake where they continue to make memories with their children and grandchildren.

The Lewis County Board of Legislators also reappointed member Karen Rennie to a second term from January 2024 to December 2028.

Mr. Nortz and Mr. Schwartz join members of the Lewis County Health System Board of Managers: Jennifer Jones, John Lehman, Marguerite Mastascusa, Philip McDowell, Howard Meny, M.D., Donald Musnicki, Karen Rennie, Susan Ross, and Michael Young.

“Each of these individuals has extensive community service and professional knowledge that will help the health system continue to navigate and provide access to care for Lewis County and surrounding communities,” stated Gerald R. Cayer, LCHS Chief Executive Officer. “I look forward to working with each of them to ensure the health system can continue to meet the healthcare needs of residents today and into the future.”

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Photos below left to right: Vincent P. Nortz, John Richard "Ric" Schwartz and Karen Rennie.

