



Meet the new United Way of Peel board. Front row from left to right: Judy Burns, Sadaf Parvais, Snigdha Malik, Norma Trim, Joseph Palumbo. Back row: John Russo, Raj Venkataraman, Motilall Sarjoo, Louroz Mercader, Carl Oxholm, Barbara Leavitt, Shelley White, Tim Bzowey, Linda Kuga-Pikulin, and Narendra Shah.

All on 'Board' for new campaign

The Garden in Brampton welcomed the annual general meeting of Peel Region's United Way which elected Barbara Leavitt, president of Baxter Corporation, as its new Board chair.

Joining Leavitt on the board, among others, will be Motilall Sarjoo (Sarj), a long time resident of Brampton.

He is employed by Chrysler Canada at the Brampton Assembly Plant, home of the Dodge Charger, Dodge Challenger and the Chrysler 300C.

Sarj is a full-time workplace trainer at this facility and from time to time facilitates other programs for the CAW National Union at the Education Centre in Port Elgin. He is the president of the Brampton-Mississauga & District Labour Council and Co-Chair of CAW Local 1285 Union in Politics Committee.

At the board of director's meeting immediately following the annual meeting, Leavitt, was elected board chair.

She has been president of Baxter Corporation since 2002. Ms. Leavitt has over 20 years of extensive leadership experience in the Canadian healthcare industry and is directly responsible for Baxter's commercial operations in Canada. She graduated with her Honours Bachelor of Arts degree from University of Western Ontario and received her MBA from the University of British Columbia.

"I am honoured to be elected as chair of the board of directors," Ms. Leavitt said. "I am very proud of the work of United Way of Peel Region and the difference we make in the lives of individuals and families in our community. United Way of Peel Region with the support of our business partners, individual donors and many volunteers improves lives, strengthens neighbourhoods and makes our community great for everyone."

Other officers elected were Shaila Mehta, partner at Deloitte, as vice chair; Snigdha

Malik, branch manager at Advent Financial Group, as secretary; and as treasurer, Norma Trim, chief financial officer and treasurer and commissioner of Corporate Affairs with the Region of Peel.

The following individuals were elected to the board of directors for their first three-year term:

Judy Burns joined Cancer Care Ontario (CCO) in November, 2006. CCO is the provincial agency responsible for guiding cancer care delivery in the province.

Linda A. Kuga Pikulin is the former president of PepsiCo Beverages Canada, a position she was appointed to in 2010. She has also been recognized by the Women's Executive Network in Canada for two consecutive years as one of the Top 100 Most Powerful Women.

Sadaf Parvaiz is a champion of the inclusiveness vision at Ernst & Young. She is passionate about creating an environment that is, and feels, inclusive for all EY people.

Joanne Pattison joined the Region of Peel staff in 1984 and is currently the supervisor of Performance Measurement for the Human Services Department.

John Russo is a partner at Pallett Valo LLP, and practices in the area of commercial litigation, with a particular focus on contractual disputes, creditor remedies, asset recovery, enforcement of security, and insolvency.

Raj Venkataraman is a corporate lending and risk management professional at GE Capital. Raj has been an executive of the Young Leaders Council (YLC) of United Way of Peel, for the last three years.

In addition to the newly elected officers, the following individuals are continuing as board members: Barb Leavitt, Snigdha Malik, Louroz Mercader, Geovanni Mosquera, Carl Oxholm, Joseph Palumbo, Serge Rochette, Narendra Shah, Norma Trim.

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