



Geneva Lake Conservancy

“Common Ground. Community Character. Natural Resources.”

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CONSERVANCY APPOINTS JAMES CELANO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The board of directors of the Geneva Lake Conservancy announces the appointment of James V. Celano, III, as its new executive director effective November 1, 2004. With 24 years in real estate management, development and conservation, Celano assumes the leadership with the skills needed to ensure the growth and well-being of the agency. Dedicated to promoting responsible stewardship of southeast Wisconsin's natural resources, the Geneva Lake Conservancy is a not-for-profit community conservation advocacy organization and land trust currently protecting more than 600 acres.

“Jim's reputation as an ethical, creative, resourceful and articulate leader makes him an outstanding choice to direct the Conservancy and attend to the needs of the communities we serve,” says Grace Eckland, Conservancy president and chair.

JAMES V. CELANO, III

James V. Celano, III, age 44, has 24 years of experience in real estate management and development. He was most recently a principal at Meridian Properties in Kenosha, WI, and previously a vice president at Celano & Associates in Northbrook IL, where he gained a reputation as a conservation-friendly commercial developer. Serving as a member of the Planning Commission in Dover, WI, he works to balance the needs of local citizens and the development pressures facing smaller communities. He also serves as a board member and spokesman for the Transitional Living Center in Burlington, WI, a temporary housing shelter. A graduate of Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, IL, he resides with his wife and three children in Kansasville near Burlington, WI.

“I look forward to actively pursuing the conservation opportunities and challenges facing our communities in southeast Wisconsin,” says Celano, “while learning much from those who live, visit and work around the Geneva Lake area.”

After returning from the National Land Conference November 1, Celano takes the Conservancy reins from acting executive director and board member Thomas Ramsey. Ramsey served an interim term while the national search for a director was conducted.

The Geneva Lake Conservancy is a not-for-profit organization supported by contributions and community volunteers with offices at 398 Mill St., Fontana, WI.

Holly Ball 2004

Saturday, December 4th, 2004

Big Foot Country Club
Fontana, Wisconsin

The Geneva Lake Conservancy will host its annual holiday gala, the "Holly Ball", on Saturday, December 4th, 2004. The fundraiser event will be held at Big Foot Country Club in Fontana, Wisconsin.

The traditional "Holly Ball" event is the most long-lived event of its kind in the Lakes area. In attendance will be 250 supporters of the Conservancy. Cocktails, formal dinner, live entertainment, and live- and silent-auctions will again be featured.

This year's auction items include attractive and interesting items such as: extended stay at luxury condo in Aspen, condo stay in Palm Springs, week at fabulous home on the island of Nantucket, dinner cruises on the most fancy boats on Geneva Lake, fantastic trip to Russia, cocktail party for 50 of your friends at a lakeside mansion, orchestra box seats ticket package, and much, much more that you and your friends would love to bid on. This year's items are expected to be of a very high quality with auction sales proceeds going to support the Conservancy.

The live entertainment will be provided by the Park Avenue Band from Long Grove, Illinois.

Call the Conservancy at 262-275-5700 for tickets at \$150/each for this annual event. We accept credit cards for reservations and auction purchases.



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