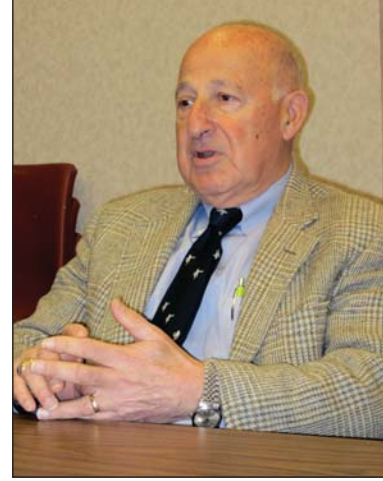


A CONVERSATION WITH : Vincent Scalise

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FLT: You become president of the Finger Lakes Boating Museum this month. How did you get involved?

SCALISE: I got involved with the museum back about two, three years ago. Actually, it’s sort of odd because I became interested in the Finger Lakes Museum of Cultural and Natural History, and while sitting in a meeting there ... I met a gentleman by the name of Bill Oben who was the president of the Finger Lakes Boating Museum until [this month].

He said they were looking for a place to put the museum, and I said, “You ought to come to Geneva.”

So I had to meet with Geneva Growth, and they were interested, and we invited the city manager. He came to sit in on it. Before you know it, in about 2009, we had an agreement between both the city and the boating museum to build a museum on the lakefront.

FLT: So you’ve been active in it from the beginning, almost?

SCALISE: I would say from the movement from Penn Yan to Geneva. I’m not the resident expert on boats!

FLT: Are you a boater?

SCALISE: Used to be, but not today, though I have a general interest in preserving the heritage of the boats.

FLT: What will your role be as president?

SCALISE: I see my role more or less as organization, facilitating, getting the people onto the right committees and jobs. We have a lot of work to do in the next two years in fundraising and getting awareness, getting everybody really on board.

You’re only as good as the people you’ve got

**INCOMING
PRESIDENT OF THE
FINGER LAKES
BOATING MUSEUM**

Age: 80

Hometown: Geneva

Family: Wife, six children, 11 grandchildren.

Background:

Teacher in Geneva schools starting in 1955. High school principal for 14 years. District superintendent for eight years until his retirement in 1993. Former City Council member. Army Medical Corps veteran, Korean War.

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