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Pillittere named Springville Chamber president

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SPRINGVILLE—Joe Pillittere is leading the way for the Springville Area Chamber of Commerce after being elected the new president on Oct. 2.

Pillittere took over for Bill Gugino, who stepped back from the position after serving for nearly five years. Pillittere works as the communications manager for CH2M HILL BWXT West Valley, LLC, the prime contractor at the West Valley Demonstration Project. He previously served as the Commissioner of Public Works for Cattaraugus County and held positions at Cornell University, Westinghouse, Northeast Utilities and the New York Power Authority.



Joe Pillittere, second from right, with Treasurer Kellee Keating-Kucewicz, Secretary Helen Brogan, Vice President Michael Rose and past president Bill Gugino.

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“It’s very humbling and I’m very honored,” Pillittere said. “It’s a good organization that does a lot of beneficial things for the community at whole. I’ve always been an avid supporter of trying to help people in communities improve their lives ... and when you get an opportunity where you can help others, it’s really hard to pass that up.”

Pillittere is getting used to the new position and has already started setting up a strategic planning meeting to help the Chamber with the transition.

“I think [the Chamber] is at a nice time where we can build upon the success that we had and strive to move forward and grow even more.” Pillittere said. “We are in a really nice transitioning period to sit back, rethink our mission, rethink our goals and objectives and then move forward from there for sustainability and growth.”

Looking toward the future, figuring out its overall mission and hiring a new executive director are some of the major goals for the Chamber, Pillittere said. Pillittere also plans to look at new types of services for members and meeting with members to better learn their needs.

Working together as a team with everybody in the Chamber is crucial and Pillittere is excited to work with everyone as they continue to figure out the best ways to benefit members and residents.

“[The Chamber] is a really good group of people and they really want to see things happen for Springville and I get to be a part of that,” he said.

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CHBWV receives American Heart Assoc. recognition Photo provided Tommy Fontaine, Wellness Committee; Michelle Mason, AHA; Rachel Charette, Wellness Committee; and CHBWV President and GM Scott Anderson hold a plaque from the American Heart Association.

CH2M HILL BWXT West Valley has been honored with a bronze level recognition from the American Heart Association for building a culture of health in the workplace. The prime contractor to the U.S. Department

of Energy at the West Valley Demonstration Project, CHBWV completed an American Heart Association Workplace Health Achievement Index, a reference for making improvements in health-related practices and policies. "The Index is an important science-based tool that will help us to further improve workplace health for all our employees," CHBWV Health and Wellness Committee Chair Rachel Charette said.

Along with Charatte, Tommy Fontaine, Lettie Chilson, Heather Lafferty and Joe Wolniewicz sit on the Health and Wellness Committee. The American Heart Association created the Index using evidence-based approaches to approve overall employee health. Using science-based practices, the Index evaluates the overall quality and comprehensiveness of workplace health programs. "We know that good health is good business and you have reached an important milestones in building a culture of workplace health," American Heart Association CEO Nancy Brown said in a letter congratulating CHBWV on its recognition.