

Soil and Water District leaders Larison, Karius will be missed

Elaine Dalrymple, a Schuyler County Soil and Water Conservation District Field Manager, recounts the service provided over the years to the district and to various agencies by County Legislators Doris Karius and Glenn Larison. Their tenure on the Legislature ends with the new year.

By Elaine Dalrymple

WATKINS GLEN, Dec. 13 -- Doris Karius and Glenn Larison have served on the Schuyler County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Board of Directors for more than 15 years as County Legislature representatives, and in that time their knowledge of agriculture, land use, local residents and local environmental issues were invaluable to the District.

Their abilities will be sorely missed at the end of this year as they depart as Legislature reps.

Karius is a native of the area, born near Lodi, and worked with her husband for many years in their vineyards in Hector. She later became involved in real estate and with her many close ties to the agricultural community and the county in general, and with her many years of public service, she brought many valid perspectives to the Soil and Water Board.



She has served for over 10 years on the Schuyler County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board and has also served on the Environmental Management Council (EMC) and Cooperative Extension Board of Directors, to name just a few.

Larison is also an area native, born in Elmira. He owned a chicken processing facility

in Odessa for many years and still owns his farm there with his wife, Pat. He too knows the needs of the agricultural community very well. Not only did he serve on the SWCD Board, but he has been on the New York Association of Conservation Districts Board representing Southern Tier counties for many years and is known throughout the State as a member of the Soil and Water family. He is also presently on the Board of the Finger Lakes Resource Conservation and Development Council and the Seneca Lake Area Partners in 5 Counties (SLAP -5), and has served on the Schuyler County Water Quality Coordinating Committee. Again, those are just a few of the groups with which he has been involved.

What both Karius and Larison gave to the Soil and Water District and the county as public servants was an ability to weigh out situations in an unbiased way and determine what was best for their constituents.

“You always knew you got an honest and well-researched opinion from Doris and Glenn that helped direct the Conservation District through many challenges over nearly two decades. We are very grateful for all their service to us and the rest of Schuyler County,” said Jerry Verrigni, District Manager.

Photo in text: Doris Karius and Glenn Larison, County Legislature Representatives to the Schuyler County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors. (*Photo provided*)