

# INMAN INSIDER

## In Brief:

- We are adding new members every month
- Our fund raising and grants totals are increasing
- We have completely overhauled our administrative procedures and added two new part-time staff at no cost to the center
- Trips are no longer being cancelled for empty seats
- We are expanding programs this fall
- Our community profile is growing

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## Meet the New Executive Director

Recently hired Executive Director Rob von Hasseln retired from the military after twenty-four years service. Entering as a private, and leaving as a lieutenant colonel, he served in artillery, intelligence, administration, and logistics branches, in both command and staff positions.

He was one of the first Army officers to specialize in anti-terrorism and was instrumental in designing and funding the rapid response team now stationed in Scotia that was the prototype for 43 more units across the nation. He retired in 1999.

Other positions he has held before or since include: supervisor of a crisis intervention and referral hotline; Supervisor of Investigations for Pinkerton's New York City office; Department Manager at a Barnes & Noble bookstore; Director, New York State Military Museum; and Director of Community and Economic

Development, City of Amsterdam. He is currently employed by the city as a consultant on community development and as City Historian.

He was a founder and first president of the Historic Amsterdam League.

Von Hasseln is also a published author, most recently with Jerry Snyder of *Amsterdam: A Post Card History*.

He resides with his wife, Maria Riccio Bryce (composer of *The Amsterdam Oratorio*) on Guy Park Avenue in Amsterdam.

According to von Hasseln, "My job is not just to keep the Center operating safe and secure; nor just to replicate past successes: it's to build a basis to grow the Center—membership, funding, services, programming."

"It's been a lot of hard work to establish new procedures, policies, recordkeeping, and accounting, but that phase is coming



Executive Director Rob von Hasseln wearing one of his other hats: as the first non-Polish Commander of the Polish American Veterans in its 70 year history. Also shown (left) is Center member Rich Egnaczyk.

to an end. Now we can double down on other improvements."

"Part of that will be getting the news out that this a vital, vibrant part of the community."

Von Hasseln says also that his door is always open to any member. His normal working hours are Monday—Thursday, 8 am to 2 pm and Friday, 10 am to 4pm. Or call him at (518) 842-3815.

## Stop the Presses!

Why the Insider?

Mainly, because it's the start of a new membership year, a new administration—a new beginning. Fewer and fewer members will remember that *The Broadcaster* was once the newspaper of the Theodore Roosevelt Junior High School that was located across the street from the Center.

And while we could have picked another alliterative title (e. g., *Inquirer*, *Insight*, etc.) the *Insider*

conveys a better sense of what we hope it will grow to be: your inside track to the information and activities that come with membership in the Center.

It's also a tip of the hat to our members—the ones on the inside, who keep it going for the good of the entire community.

Over the next few issues we'll be fine tuning the publication and your suggestions are most welcome. We'll also be posting it at [www.inmanseniorcenter.org](http://www.inmanseniorcenter.org).



President Harry S. Truman holds up a copy of the Chicago Daily Tribune the morning after his reelection in 1948