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The Mill Neck Family of Organizations Announces New President

The Mill Neck Family of Organizations, which includes Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf, the Mill Neck Manor Early Childhood Center, Mill Neck Services, Mill Neck Audiology, Mill Neck Foundation for Deaf Ministry and Mill Neck Interpreter Service, is pleased to announce the appointment of Michael F. Killian as President. Killian's installation ceremony recently took place at the Mill Neck Manor campus and was attended by members of the Board of Trustees and administrators of the 63-year-old organization.

As a Mill Neck Foundation director for over 20 years, Killian has had the opportunity to work with many of the founders. He brings to his new position an in-depth understanding of the organization's mission, an appreciation for its history and an enthusiastic approach to its goals for the future. During his time as a Board Member, he served as secretary of the Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf, Mill Neck Services and Mill Neck Foundation. Most recently, Killian served as board chairman of Lutheran Friends of the Deaf, the organization's founding group. Additionally, Killian also was president of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Bristol, Connecticut and served on the Mission and Church Planning Boards of the New England District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.

When initially approached about joining Mill Neck Manor's Board of Trustees, Killian hesitated, given his busy work schedule as a senior executive at the Record-Journal Publishing Company, headquartered in Meriden, Connecticut. Several months later, Killian was contacted again, this time with an invitation to visit the Mill Neck campus. As the saying goes, "A picture is worth a thousand words," and as he toured the Mill Neck campus and saw many of its programs in action, Killian made the choice to join the Board that very day.

Killian strongly believes in giving current and future supporters of the Mill Neck Family the same opportunity to "see what we're about." Referring to his experiences during his first few weeks as President, he says, "You don't know just how good people are until you're in." He wishes to share this sentiment by inviting anyone who is interested, to tour the Mill Neck Manor

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campus. Among his goals for the organization's future, Killian wishes to give as many people as possible the chance to interact with students and staff, feeling this effectively fosters stronger connections with the organization's programs and services. With his journalism background and marketing expertise, it is clear Killian believes in the concept of showing, rather than simply telling, a story.

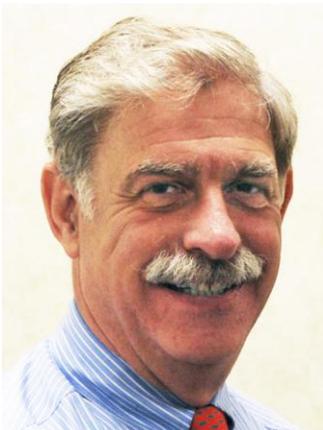
Early in his career, Killian, from Southington, Connecticut, worked as a journalist. A growing interest in the business aspects of multimedia led to his subsequent positions at the Record-Journal, including Director of Advertising, Vice President – Business Development and Senior Vice President, before being named General Manager in 2003. Part of Killian's responsibilities included the implementation of sales training programs for the company's various operations along the East Coast. During his tenure, Killian helped grow the business, effectively developing it into a diversified entity. Along the way, Killian was a member of the New England Newspaper Association's Advertising Committee, was President of the Connecticut Daily Newspaper Association and is Past President of the New England Newspaper Advertising Executives Association.

As a Board Member of the Mill Neck Family of Organizations over the past years, Killian has been a valued participant in shaping its many entities. He now welcomes the challenge of leading the organization into the future, partly through expanding the Mill Neck brand both domestically and internationally. Killian acknowledges his pride in how Mill Neck Manor has evolved and believes, "The original founding members would be very proud to see how far their vision has come."

Founded in 1947 by Lutheran Friends of the Deaf, the Mill Neck Family of Organizations is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for people who are Deaf, or who have other special needs, through excellence in individually designed educational, vocational or spiritual programs and services. For more information, please call 516-922-4100 or visit <http://www.millneck.org>.

Photo Captions:

1. Michael F. Killian
2. Several members of the Mill Neck Manor Board of Trustees with new President Michael Killian at his installation.





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