

Include a photograph (head shot, jpeg under 1MB) with the application. The photograph and your responses will be posted on the Chamber's website prior to the election.

Name: Elan Wurtzel

Please provide a short biography of yourself, including your educational and business background; accomplishments; other community, civic, professional, and social organizations to which you belong; and any other information you may want to add, including about your family. Please be sure to include your current business/company affiliation.

Short Bio

Born in Brooklyn, raised in Queens (Jamaica & Flushing) and now living in Plainview for 34 years. My wife Gail and I have two children Joshua and Matthew and a grandson Noah. Josh is a practicing lawyer and married to Amanda—daughter of current board member Michael Chad; Matt is a band teacher in Syosset and soon to be married to Brooke.

I have been practicing law since 1983 concentrating in the personal injury field, helping people who are seriously injured in all types of accidents. In 1997 I opened up my own practice (Law Offices of ELAN WURTZEL, P.C.) and my office is on Old Country Road in Plainview.

I've been a member of the Chamber since approximately 1997; I have been a Board Member for approximately 12 years and am the Immediate Past President. I am involved in other networking groups as well as the Nassau County Bar Association Mentoring Program and also do Pro Bono work through the Bar Association. I love to garden, read, bike and play pickleball. I love to spend time with my family, particularly my delicious grandson!

As a Chamber member, Board Member and past President, I've been involved in every aspect of the Chamber's activities from membership drives, developing charity programs, promoting inter-chamber activities/events, developing networking programs, fund-raising, membership dinner, Fall Festival, drafting/updating By-Laws, installation of the September 11 memorial at the library, etc....

If elected, what would you want to accomplish as a Board Member?

I'd like to continue being active and concentrate on attracting, developing and retaining members. The Chamber offers great opportunities for members to meet, connect and work together on business opportunities. This has never been more important during the COVID Pandemic. Want to help develop new members and leaders for the Chamber.

What new activities/programs would you suggest to the Chamber and why?

The Ambassador program is a great idea and needs to be boosted/promoted. Great tool to make members feel valued.

What issues do you consider important to the Plainview business community?

Recovering from the Pandemic; providing opportunities for businesses to flourish by doing business with each other. Offer better/more meaningful networking opportunities. Maintaining quality of school district. Working with neighboring Chambers on joint projects. Promoting development of Hicksville as a downtown, which will benefit our community.

Why do you want to be a member of the Board?

Continue with my current board and member activities, helping grow the Chamber and business community.

Signed *Elan Wurtzel*

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