

## For Immediate Release

## The Black Car Fund Announces Election of Two New Board Members

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New York – In May, The Black Car Fund announced the election of William G. Yuhnke and Andrea Majer to its Board. Both new members were voted in unanimously by the Black Car Assistance Corporation, an industry trade group who is responsible for appointing six of the eleven board members for The Black Car Fund.

William Yuhnke is the President and CEO of Liberty Yellow Cab of Buffalo, as well as WEBR Radio 1440 AM. He has over 35 years of experience in the ground transportation industry and currently manages the largest fleet of ground transportation vehicles in upstate New York. He is currently a Vice President, and longtime board member, of The Transportation Alliance, the oldest trade organization in the ground transportation industry. He is also a Vice President of the Limousine, Bus, Taxi Operators of Upstate New York (LBTOUNY).

He has succeeded in expanding his company through diversification of its fleet to include para-transit vehicles, as well as by embracing the latest technologies to improve customer experience. Liberty Yellow Cab of Buffalo is the largest non-TNC (Transportation Network Company) Member Base of The Black Car Fund outside of New York City. In addition to his professional record, William is also heavily involved in the local Buffalo community and established several programs such as:

The Safe Ride Program – Patrons are encouraged to surrender their car keys to bartenders in exchange for a free ride home, as well as a ride back to retrieve their vehicles the following day.

Liberty Ride for Life Program – Citizens are offered rides to blood donation centers free of charge.

Buffalo Bills Fans Safety Program – Transports football fans, who may have had too much to drink, safely back to their residences.

Andrea Majer is the Executive Vice President of Delux Transportation Services, Inc. of Port Washington New York. She has a career spanning nearly five decades in the limousine and taxi industry. She began as a part-time driver while attending college working her way up to Co-owner and Chief Operating Officer of one of Long Island's largest, highest quality transportation companies.

Within Delux, Andrea has played a key role, positively positioning the company at the forefront of Long Island and tri-state ground transportation. She has played a key role bringing Delux into the computer age and assuring that the company maintains state-of-the-art technology in all areas. Delux Transportation was the first company on Long Island to offer Black Car service and currently sustains one of the largest fleet of luxury vehicles. Andrea has been given citations from the Town of North Hempstead, Nassau County Legislature, Nassau County office of the Executive, Long Island Center for Business and Professional Women and many years of Lancer's Safety Excellence Award.

Andrea is also a proud member of the Long Island and New York community. She currently sits on the Board of Project Independence, an initiative program of the Town of North Hempstead that affords many savings to its seniors. It provides a standard reduced fare, free transportation for weekly grocery shopping, and, non-emergency medical transport, for a nominal fee.

"I am excited to welcome Andrea and Bill, who are well known in this industry, to The Black Car Fund's Board," said **Berj Haroutunian, Executive Chairman of The Black Car Fund.** "The knowledge and experience that they bring to the Board is invaluable and will go a long way towards helping to guide The Black Car Fund into the future. We look forward to working with them to continue supporting our Covered Drivers."

"I have known Bill and Andrea for many years and I can say without a doubt that they are supremely qualified to serve on The Black Car Fund's Board," said **Ira Goldstein, Executive Director of The Black Car Fund.** "They bring a wealth of experience, but just as importantly, they provide a valuable geographic diversity to this Board. Bill and Andrea are our first upstate New York and Long Island based Board members, respectively, and their election ensures that our Board represents all of New York."

"After reviewing their resumes and qualifications, it was clear to me that Bill and Andrea would be extremely valuable additions to The Black Car Fund's Board," said **Diana Clemente**, **President of The Black Car Assistance Corporation**. "It's no surprise that the rest of the BCAC felt the same and elected them unanimously. As an operator myself, I know first-hand how important the work that The Black Car Fund does truly is. With Bill and Andrea on board, I look forward to years of fruitful cooperation and contribution to the growth and success of The Fund."



Andrea Majer



William Yuhnke