



The Ansonia-based Salvation Army Greater Valley had some special support this week with volunteers ringing the bell for donations outside of Seymour Stop & Shop.

Pictured from left are Salvation Army Major Dora Garcia, state Rep. Themis Klarides, R-Derby, her sister, state Rep.-elect Nicole Klarides-Ditria, R-Seymour, and Salvation Army Advisory Board Chairman Robert Van Egghen./ Facebook photo

Salvation Army Greater Valley Advisory Board Chairman Bob Van Egghen mans the traditional red kettle at Seymour Stop & Shop to raise funds for the organization./ Facebook photo



Community welcomes rebuilt McDonald's in Derby

By Patricia Villers

DERBY - Hundreds of Valley residents braved the bitter cold Monday afternoon to mark the grand re-opening of McDonald's.

The restaurant has stood at 44 Division St. since 1972. It was closed in September for a \$2 million rebuild.

Owner/operator Joe Rodriguez promised at a groundbreaking that the more than 4,000-square-foot restaurant would be reopened in December, and it was. He owns 25 McDonald's stores.

Monday's celebration featured the Derby High School band, football team, and cheerleaders, Derby Middle School cross-country team champions, and elementary school students. They led the crowd in singing holiday and patriotic songs.

Joining Rodriguez and Ronald McDonald for the ribbon cutting were Derby Mayor Anita Dugatto, former Derby Mayor Anthony Staffieri, Ansonia Mayor David S. Cassetti, and elected officials from both cities. Veterans, Marines, and costumed Derby Historical Society docents joined the festivities, as did Gen. David Humphreys (portrayed by David Loda).



The restaurant decor includes murals of the historic Humphreys House in Ansonia and the Sterling Opera House in Derby.

Featured guest was David Tyree, former New York Giants wide receiver. It was his "miraculous helmet catch" against the New England Patriots in 2008 that broke the Patriots' 18-0 winning streak.

The restaurant has two drive-through windows, video games projected on tables, and a digitized menu.



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2. Visit the The City of Ansonia's Facebook Page (listed below)
3. Send us your picture(s), name and address via message to : The City of Ansonia Facebook Page and we will post



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