

The Roth Report

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Meetings are held every Wednesday at 12:10 pm at
The Queensbury Hotel, 88 Ridge Street, Glens Falls, NY
Guests are always welcome!

Newsletter for August 11, 2010



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Today's guest speaker was Dawn Palmer, Executive Director of House of Grace of the Adirondacks, Inc. (formerly St. Joseph's House of Grace).



The House of Grace believes that the process of dying is a stage of life that should be validated. Their volunteers have been specially trained in the skill of active listening, and will emotionally be where the resident is... sharing with the residents and their family's joys, fears, and reminiscences. *The staff and volunteers will ensure a safe, loving environment for the residents and their family and friends.*

House of Grace is nondenominational. Admission is based on need, regardless of sex, race, religion, or age. The stay and the compassionate homecare are provided with no charge but donations are welcome.

While they are not a hospice facility, all residents will be pre-enrolled in the High Peaks Hospice Program and receive full hospice services. Meals-on-Wheels may provide afternoon and evening meals on request. They ask that residents and their family provide the groceries if financially able. The resident may prepare their own meal, family may do the cooking or the volunteers and staff will prepare meals.

Each of the two residents bedrooms have a couch-bed that families can use if interested in spending the night with their loved one. Also, a quiet room is downstairs for the family. Amanda's House, less than a block away, has private bedrooms for families of patients. There is no charge for the stay, but there is a time limit.

House of Grace receives no funding. As a nonprofit organization, they are totally dependent on the generosity of the community for support. With that support, House of Grace will continue its much needed mission.

Visit their website at www.houseofgraceoftheadirondacksinc.org

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Foundation**

President - Dana Palmer
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LETTERS OF THANKS - We received "Thank You" letters from the following:

Carolyn Curran - For the \$100 donation to the Hamilton College Fund, in the name Tom Curran (a former club member & Past-President).

Open Arms Pregnancy Center - For the \$300 donation to their program to benefit expecting/new mothers and their newborns.

B.O.C.E.S. - For the \$100 donation to purchase supplies for their Summer Program.

Albany Medical Center - For the \$400 donation to the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Fund.

Please be respectful of your fellow Kiwanian and our guests...



SAVE THE DATES

Saturday, 9/25 (set-up) AND Sunday, 9/26 (event)

This is our biggest event of the year, and we need ALL hands on deck for this one! So if you have family or friends willing to help... bring them!

Jan Hazewski is the volunteer contact for this event. If you have a specific job you'd like to do, let Jan know. If you're new to the club and aren't sure what to do... Jan can help with that too!

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Members Attending: 21 Pinheads: 5 Guests: 2 April Washburn & Ann Doerfl 50/50 Winner: Tom Albrecht Deck of Cards: Rick Simmonds Jack of Spades, 36 cards left

NEXT WEEK'S MEETING ASSISTANTS

August 18, 2010

Invocation: N/A Raffle: N/A

Welcome: N/A Back up: N/A

UPCOMING LUNCHEON PROGRAMS

August 18th - 5pm Picnic at Lanette Akerson's home on Lake George Bring a dish to pass and BYOB (spouses are welcome), please carpool (parking is limited).

August 25th - Nick George Topic: Aikido

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 27th - 14th Annual Queensbury Kiwanis "GOLF FOR YOUTH" at the Queensbury Country Club. The tournament consists of a four person scramble with prizes for closest to the pin, longest drive, top gross & net scores. Lunch is included, as well as refreshments after golf. \$85 per golfer. Sponsor a Hole for \$85, or donate a prize. Contact Kevin Porpora weekdays at 745-1000 ext. 606.

September 14th - Rotary Club of Glens Falls Golf Tournament at Kingswood Golf Club, Hudson Falls (more details to follow)

September 26th - Kiwanis Club of Glens Falls Annual Taste of the North Country, City Park, Downtown Glens Falls

14-year-old to Speak at Veterans Luncheon

Brianna Cart, founder of Angels over Iraq and Afghanistan, will be the featured speaker at the Veterans Luncheon on Friday at the NY District Convention. Angels over Iraq and Afghanistan is more than three years old, and has raised thousands of dollars and collected donations of items which are then shipped to members of the American military serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Cart, 14, lives in Owego and has been honored for her efforts. She recently received a Spirit of Community Award from Prudential Financial, a national awards program conducted in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP).

Prudential explained why she received the award: "Brianna Cart, 14, of Owego, N.Y., a member of the Tioga County 4-H and an eighth-grade home-schooled student, started a volunteer effort four years ago that has shipped more than 300 boxes of snacks, toiletries, and other items, worth more than \$25,000, to 345 American soldiers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. It began when Brianna overheard one of her mother's hair salon clients talking about mailing packages to soldiers. "I asked my mom if I could do that," Brianna said. She and her mother found a serviceman on a website, purchased some items, wrote a letter, and sent a package to him. When Brianna heard how grateful he was, "I began to realize how important it was to our soldiers to hear from people at home," she said.

"Brianna then shipped enough supplies for all of the men in the soldier's platoon, and wanted to do even more. She formed a club of young volunteers called "Angels Over Iraq and Afghanistan," and began raising money for her shipments by hosting donation drives, teen concerts, car washes, and yard sales. She now spends an average of 20 hours a week fund-raising, shopping, and packing and mailing boxes, and has a core group of 19 young people and close to 45 local organizations helping her on a regular basis."

Kiwanians who'd like to support Angels over Iraq and Afghanistan can bring donations to the convention. Welcome items include tuna and chicken, protein bars, baby wipes, soup, snacks, magazines, books, batteries, pudding, sunscreen, foot powder and drink mixes.

The group also needs financial support to pay shipping costs. Donations can be mailed to Angels Over Iraq, Attn: Maryanne Vanburger, 2690 Rt17c Owego, NY 13827.

The organization's web site is at www.angelsoveriraq.org.

CLUB BOARD MEETINGS

Kiwanis Club Board Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM at The Marilyn Cohen Therapy Center at The Prospect School Complex in Queensbury, unless otherwise announced. All club members are welcome to attend. Committee Chairs should be prepared to present their monthly reports.