

A Tradition of Helping Angels

Highlight of the Christmas Season in Rochester is Sibley's Christmas Angel Program. And this year, a new angel has been added to the fold — a calico angel has joined the traditional red and gold foil angels now on sale at all Sibley stores for \$.25.

Sibley's Christmas Angels are a community project involving the store community, the Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC), and the people of greater Rochester and surrounding Monroe County. Proceeds from the angel sales benefit ARC and it is the members from the Association's sheltered workshops who assemble the angels. This year they also will be working at the downtown store assembling the love chain.

For each angel purchased, the customer signs his name to a gold foil strip and it is this strip which forms the love chain. According to Sibley sources, last year's chain was estimated at over four miles (all stores included in the measure).

An early part of this project involved the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) I and II as well as City School Special Education students. These students listened to a story of the "Littlest Angel" and then drew their version of an angel. Six winning angels were selected for reproduction in the Sibley ad — "Be an Angel Buy an Angel."



William Lee (second from left), chairman of Sibley's Board of Directors, had a great time last week participating in the creation of the love chain which will span the downtown store as well as Sibley's suburban stores. Working on the project with him were members of the ARC Ridgmont Day Training Program. From left; Joseph Bach, Dorothea Ellis, Byron Yendell. In background is Viola Senn.

These winners, their families, teachers, principals and the contest judges, attended an awards luncheon at the Sibley Tower Restaurant, Sat. Dec. 9.

From letters received by Sibley's it was discovered these angels travel far and wide as decorations on gifts to family and friends around the country and throughout the world. They also are used to decorate homes, churches, businesses, restaurants and bowling alleys.

Webster K of C Cited For Grants to 7th Step

The Webster Knights of Columbus is among six agencies and corporations which recently have been cited for giving grants to the Seven Lakes 7th Step Foundation.

The foundation is a local agency which works with ex-offenders in the Rochester area and at Attica and Albion prisons with incarcerated individuals.

The foundation is in the process of raising funds

and has acknowledged the receipt of grants from Xerox Corporation, the Webster K of C, the Daisy Marquis Jones Foundation, Eastman-Kodak, Rochester Telephone and the Gannett Foundation.

The 7th Step program "seeks to break the recidivism cycle by providing flexible and accessible support services such as counseling, remotivational discussion sessions and employment placement," the foundation's literature states.

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