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In Seneca Falls

Women's Hall of Fame Dedicated July 21

By Mary Ann Ginnerty

Seneca Falls — The National Women's Hall of Fame was dedicated here July 21. Lynda Johnson Robb, daughter of the late President Lyndon B. Johnson and chairperson of the President's Advisory Committee for Women, was the featured speaker. The dedication ceremony marked the 131st anniversary of the first women's rights convention held here.

In her speech, Robb announced that the committee has asked President Carter for a summit meeting in regard to the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. The purpose of the meeting would be to further the cause of women's rights, she said.

Robb told the audience, "We need your help and the help of every member of that great coalition of American women to make it (women's equality) a reality."

Robb recalled a list of

grievances presented by the women at the first women's rights convention, which was held in a Seneca Falls chapel. The list of grievances included the right of a man to take away his wife's property and wages upon marrying, the denial of adequate education and the refusal to open profitable employment to women.

She pointed out some of these problems still exist as 80 percent of all women who work are stuck in low-prestige, low paying jobs.

Also sharing the platform with Ms. Robb was Stella Hackel, director of the U.S. Mint. Hackel presented Hall of Fame president Rebecca Holden, with a Susan B. Anthony coin for display in the Hall.

Representative Gary Lee presented a copy of the Congressional Record concerning Women's Rights which will also be on display.

Other guest speakers gave their views on the significance of the Hall of Fame and the progress, or lack thereof, of women in the U.S.

Carol Bellamy, president of the New York City Council, stated women will continue the struggle for equality until it is a reality. A prolonged struggle lies ahead, she said, but this is what women know best.

Mary Burke Nichols, director of the Women's Division of New York State, represented Gov. Hugh Carey and read the governor's proclamation marking Women's Hall of Fame Week.

Elizabeth Dole, attorney and wife of Senator Robert Dole of Kansas, spoke on the women work force. She said, "one half of the work force is female, but women are vastly under used today. We have not yet achieved economic justice for women in America."

Mrs. Dole added however, that a quiet revolution is taking place as highly trained women are entering the work world with changing career aspirations.

Also in attendance at the dedication were State Senator Fred Warder, Assemblyman Sam MacNeil and Seneca Falls Mayor Michael Gladis.

The Women's Hall of Fame display includes enlarged pictures of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Harriet Tubman and Susan B. Anthony as well as many other displays of prominent American women.



A "Civil War" unit marks the cutting of the ribbon at the dedication ceremony with a volley of shots.

Named to NCCB

Auburn — Mr and Mrs. Alex Picciano, of Murray Street, Auburn, recently received word from their daughter Mrs. Jeannette Wood of Edmonds, Washington, on her appointment to the Advisory Board to the National Council of Catholic Bishops and the Catholic Bishops Council.

The Piccianos daughter, Wood, a graduate of area schools and Cornell University is a mother of six. She will serve on the 60-member council as a regional representative.



Greetings

During his recent trip to the Southern Tier Bishop Matthew Clark visited parishioners at St. James Church in Waverly. Shown above Bishop Clark greets members of the parish in the church basement.

St. Joseph's Accredited

Elmira — St. Joseph's Hospital has been awarded a certificate of accreditation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals (JCAH), according to Sister Martha Gersbach, administrator. The two-year

accreditation became effective June 18.

The accreditation was achieved following a thorough survey of the hospital by a survey team of the Joint Commission's Hospital

Accreditation Program. The hospital was evaluated on the basis of information gained from questionnaires, other documentation, and an on-site visit, which included conferences with professional staff, service chief, and members of the hospital's governing body.

The accreditation means that St. Joseph's has voluntarily chosen to be measured by the standards developed by the Joint Commission and has been found to be in compliance with them. These standards set forth optimal achievable goals of excellence as a measure for evaluation by both the hospital and the Joint Commission. The accreditation program assists hospitals in pursuing higher quality health care through education, self-evaluation, and consultation.

JCAH, formed in 1951, is a private, not-for-profit organization whose primary purpose is to promote high quality health care and related human services.

Cayuga RTL Hears Future Plans

Auburn — Robert Peretto, recently elected chairman of the Cayuga County Right to Life Committee outlined the goals of the organization during its July meeting.

He said, "Our most important goals are the completion of the Voter Identification Survey and getting the Right to Life message out to everyone we reach. Even as our numbers are increasing, the need for our efforts is increasing."

Peretto added that "Right to Life will continue to poll candidates seeking offices at every level of government to

determine their views on abortion and related issues. Decisions relating to abortion from funding to teaching are made even at lower levels. These decisions can have a direct influence on state and federal legislation. Many candidates for local offices also go on to seek offices at higher levels, so we have to know who will be voting pro-life," he said.

Right to Life is planning an educational program for the public in the fall. Regular monthly meetings are held the third Thursday of every month at the Salvation Army Building.

Staff Burn-Out Discussed

By Martin Toombs
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Elmira — The Alcoholism Seminar at St. Joseph's Hospital took on a different tone July 19, when 14 people, mostly alcoholism counselors, met to discuss staff burn-out.

The seminars, usually used to explain one of the local programs or a new approach to alcoholism treatment, instead dealt with the problems of the alcoholism worker.

And those attending, while able to offer some suggestions on how to avoid staff burn-

out, offered no conclusive answers to the problem.

The discussion was led by J. Frank Stark, ACSW, the Southern Tier Alcoholism Rehabilitation Service program coordinator.

He pointed out that the professional literature on the subject links burn-out to depression, and, he noted, it does affect the clients, and can harm treatment.

Those attending agreed that burn-out is a problem, and they also recognized that it is characteristic of "helping" agencies. The high turnover

rate in the various agencies was cited as evidence of the difficulty.

Counseling can be frustrating and disappointing work, several participants noted; one pointed out that the highest rate of suicide is among physicians.

One participant suggested that alcoholism counselors should strive for objectivity. He noted that often workers give an alcoholic credit for having succeeded in ending his or her drinking, but when a client "falls off the wagon," they have a tendency to blame themselves.

Another speaker said that she felt realistic goals are important.

Meetings of burned-out counselors so they could discuss their problems are being conducted in some places, Stark mentioned, wondering if that would be an effective response to the problem.

Participants noted that they felt the alcoholism seminars, and other professional meetings they attend, are valuable in keeping themselves from becoming burned-out.

Stark noted that one thing he has found helpful is keeping a journal, which provides an outlet for frustrations and disappointments of the job.

Summer School In Arkport Aug. 6-17

Hornell — Youngsters in Arkport will again have an opportunity to participate in a

Vacation Bible School during two weeks in August.

Rexville Festival Sunday

Rexville — St. Mary's annual Chicken Barbecue and Festival will be Sunday, Aug. 5 on the parish grounds. The chicken barbecue will begin at 11:30 a.m., and will be \$3.50 for adults, children under 12, \$1.75.

Sister Mary Jude, St. Ann's pastoral assistant, is in charge of this summer's program. The teachers will include Father Paul Gibbons and Father Michael Bausch of St. Ann's.

Classes will be the weeks of Aug. 6 and Aug. 13, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the American Legion Hall. They are open to children from grades one through six.

Parents interested in registering their children may do so by contacting Sister Jude or Mrs. Hildreth Smith, coordinator of religious education for St. Ann's Parish.

All Saints Sets Festival

Lansing — All Saints Church will have their annual Summer Festival Sunday, Aug. 5 from noon until 6 p.m. at the Lansing Rod and Gun Club on Salmon Creek Road in Ludlowville. A chicken barbecue will be served starting at noon. There will be crafts on sale, and a white elephant sale. Proceeds will benefit the building fund.

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