

50/50 Scholarship Raffle Winners

The winners of the Fund's annual 50/50 Scholarship Raffle were drawn at the end of the annual meeting on November 25, 2010

The winners were:

1. Flo Palermo, Queensbury
2. Dee Beckler, Pottersville
3. Lynn Hagamann, Chester-town

Scholarship Program

There were five \$1,000 scholarships awarded in June, 2010. Two of the scholarships were JSP Science Scholarships endowed by a couple in the area looking to help students entering a field of science. The other three scholarships were Helpers Fund scholarships that were awarded to students entering fields which required additional study, but not at a four-year college or university.

Funding

Money donated specifically for scholarship purposes, and the 50/50 Raffle are presently the only means of raising scholarship money. The

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The Home-baked Section: The end of the buffet line at the 12th Annual Meeting of the Helpers Fund had the home-baked goods which included bagels, quiches, and eight different baked sweets. The hot stuff was at the head of the line (background).

This And That From The Board

Most applications: The area where the greatest help was needed in 2010 was in heating assistance. Cases where people had exhausted their heating allowance under HEAP (Home Energy Assistance Program) and were months away from any further governmental assistance. Most of this hectic activity was because there was no congressional action on a supplemental allowance until April of this year. In addition there was a rapid increase in the cost of heating fuel.

Other Requests: The second most applica-

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12th Annual Meeting November 25, 2010

Under the direction of John Phillips, owner of Friends Lake Inn, the 12th Annual Meeting of the Helpers Fund was held to give supporters of the Fund a chance to meet with board members and discuss the Fund and ask questions.

Handouts

Each attendee received an informational packet which included a review of the year, a proposed budget for 2011 and a notice about the coming Holiday Drive. The packet also enclosed a gift pocket calendar for 2011.

Silent Auction

Before, during and after the buffet people attending had a chance to check out the items being offered at the silent auction. Items varied from gift certificates for Oscar's Smokehouse in Warrensburg to a 16" Homelite Chain Saw, to gift certificates to the Place and other local eateries. Some 28 items were auctioned off.

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The Board Extends Its Sympathies. . .

. . . To the family of Ms. Catherine LaFond Evans of Warrensburg on the loss of her daughter, Randi, who passed away this past year, after fighting a life-long neurological disease. Randi was 27. We do not usually present the names of individuals or families we are assisting, but in this case the family's situation was well-known to the public at large.



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Board Meeting December 2010

- Denied Assistance to two applications: one for lack of financial information, and one not an emergency situation. Both had been previously assisted by the Fund .
- Agreed to review new application. No assistance granted at this time, because of questions raised by information on application.
- Agreed to contact and work with five cases that had been, or are, being assisted at this time.
- Reviewed following fund raising activities:
 1. Annual Meeting
 2. 5k-10k Races
 3. Scholarship Raffle
- Approved following Fund Raisers for 2011
 1. Dinner For Two Raffle
 2. 5k-10k Races
 3. Scholarship Raffle
 4. Annual Meeting
 5. Town-wide Barbecue
- Agreed to update web site by posting financial statements, mailing directly to addresses rather than posting, and mailing regular announcements to addresses.
- Reviewed holiday drive. Applications for assistance distributed. Mailing to go out by December 6. Total of 93 individuals and families applied at this time.
- No new business

Golf Tournament

The Board agreed not to have a 2011 golf tournament. The reasons for this were a shrinking registration over the past three years, the number of competing tournaments on, or near the same time; and a lower income to expense ratio for the event. The board will discuss the possibility of a 2012 event at a future meeting in 2011.



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tions were made for gasoline to get back and forth to medical appointments. These requests covered the territory of New York City and Boston as well as Albany. Almost all these requests were for appointments outside the local area and unavailable at Glens Falls.



Medical Requests: Among the requests for medical assistance were assistance for an injury sustained in a snowmobile accident and a motorcycle accident. The motorcycle accident required in-home care on weekends for two hours each day. Medicaid provided assistance weekdays. This assistance lasted for less than three months. The snowmobile accident gave assistance to the family until the various social services became effective. The person injured was the sole wage earner for the family. Assistance in this case lasted less than three months.

Numerous Others: There were a number of cases of individuals and families just falling on "hard times." There were cases of people suddenly losing their jobs and finding themselves without income, but still having to pay current bills, or the elderly couple, both disabled, unable to deal with mounting bills because of the increase in the cost of essential services; or the suddenly unemployed who had no income to provide meals for the family. Many cases dealt with those being in "limbo" until social services such as food stamps began. Fortunately most of these were of short duration.

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Other areas: There were more than a hundred individuals and families assisted through the Fund's Holiday Drive. Most of the assistance from this program was for winter clothing, or clothing in general. There was also a food element to the Holiday Drive and some of this assistance was continued well into the 2010 year. There were 9 stuffed animals also delivered through this program to children under the age of 5.

Craft's Fair (round 2): The Fund had attempted to schedule a Crafts Fair to go along with the 5k-10k Races in September. We had to cancel the Fair because we started too late in the year (May 2010) to attract the necessary artisans. But for the year 2011, plans are currently being made for the Craft's Fair, and will be held in conjunction with the Adirondack Marathon which is held the day after the 5k-10k races.

Adirondack Distance Festival: The 5k-10k Races are part of the Adirondack Marathon Distance Festival which is attended by more than a thousand runners. In 2010, 854 runners finished the Marathon and Half-Marathon in Schroon Lake; while 234 runners finished the 5k and 10k Races. These totals do not include those who registered for the races but did not show up, or did not finish the races. We don't have the "no-shows" for the Marathon and Half Marathon, but there were 30 "no-shows" for the 5k and 10k. Board is also considering a 5k or 10k Walk segment for the races. This portion of the race would be directed at a certain type of need such as "food," to support local food banks; or, toward a specific individual or group needing assistance, or even the scholarship program.

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Scholarship Winners

The last item of business at the annual meeting, and this year was no different, is picking the winners of the annual 50/50 Scholarship Raffle. The winning tickets are drawn and names announced and the meeting draws to a close (the winners of this year's raffle are listed on page 1).



Edna Wells, left, with a helping hand from Mary Jane Dower, announces the winners of the different silent auction items. And, after that, the picking of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners of the 50/50 Raffle.



Eleanor Lynch, center blue sweater, chats with Cathy Leccese, red jacket, while Terri Palermo, holding coffee cup in the background chats with . . . With . . . We can't tell; and, Mary Kruegler, second from right, chats with Pat Farrell



Fund Raising Events 2011

The Fund will be sponsoring the 5k-10k Races again, and it will also have its "Dinner For Two Raffle" in 2011, but will have Dinner Gift Certificates" only . . . The Fund will take a pass on the golf tournament, and take another look at golf in 2012 . . . The Fund will work on a different type of fund raising event which would be more "community-directed," rather than directed at a specific group. This might take the form of a barbeque plus an event in conjunction with the barbeque . . . the annual meeting will be held on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Watch for more details in future issues of the newsletter.



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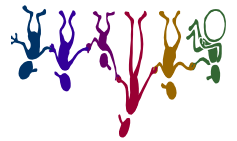
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