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# Schodack honors its ambulance volunteers

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"Selfless volunteerism is the Castleton-Schodack Area's living heritage." Congressman Gerald B. Solomon declared at the Appreciation Night dinner-dance honoring past and present members of the Castleton Volunteer Ambulance Inc. Saturday night at Schodack Country Club.

"The people of towns such as this are the preservers of patriotism and volunteerism which is making a comeback across the nation," he told the 300 persons attending.

The ambulance squad of 21, together with 57 past members and their guests, were saluted for their "unselfish, dedicated commitment and outstanding service to the community over the past 29 years" by officials from all levels of government and local residents.

Funds for the event were raised by a local committee through the sale of tickets for a drawing for prizes which was held at the dinner-dance. Clarence "Bud" Fifield of South Schodack won the first prize of 100 gallons of fuel oil or \$100 in cash. Ray Shaw of Benedict Street, Castleton, won a \$50 government bond, which he donated to the ambulance service. Arlene Taylor of Latham Road, Castleton, won third prize of a \$25 bond.

## Area schools take part in arts festival

The Schodack Central School District will participate in the Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene-BOCES Annual Arts Festival which will be held at the Empire State Plaza April 9, 10, and 11.

Students in grades K-12 are preparing art work and practical arts projects for the exhibit which will be held on the Concourse of the plaza.

Musical performances by Maple Hill High School Wind Ensemble under the direction of Tom Reynolds, will be presented at noon Tuesday, April 9. At 10 a.m. Thursday, April 11, the Maple Hill Middle School Recorder Club and the Castleton Elementary School Recorder Group will perform under the direction of Dorothy McGuire.

Thirteen school districts from the tri-county BOCES area will participate in the event. The public is cordially invited. (hl-cm)

## Scouts earn Wolf badges

Wolf badges and arrows for achievement were awarded at the March 31 meeting of Cub Scout Pack 253, Den Four.

Larry Bullinger received his wolf badge and a gold arrow. Michael Cahill, wolf badge and gold arrow. Sean Hurley, wolf badge and silver and gold arrows. Michael McMullen, wolf badge and gold arrow. Ryan Mull was given two silver arrows to add to the wolf badge and gold arrow which he received in February. Daniel Meister and Daniel Renaud each received wolf badges.

Ryan Mull was the winner of a personal stereo at the Boy Scout Exhibition at the Empire State Plaza March 2.

## League to register Maple Hill students

The Rensselaer County League of Women Voters will be at Maple Hill High School Tuesday, April 2, from noon to 2 p.m. to register eligible students for the fall election.

Students must be 18 years or older on or before November 5, 1985 to be eligible to vote.

Students may also opt to enroll in a political party at registration time.

Anyone else in the community who wishes may also register through league members April 2 during the designated hours. (hl-cm)

## Local businesses sponsor egg hunt

An Easter egg hunt for children ten years old and younger will be held in Castleton this Sunday afternoon, March 31, under the sponsorship of the Castleton Business and Professional Association.

Children are asked to assemble at the Citibank Parking Lot on Main Street at 2 p.m. Then they are to follow the Easter Bunny in a parade to the site of the egg hunt. Stewart's Bear and other costumed characters will accompany the bunny.

There will be a large number of prizes donated by the businessmen and merchants. Each prize-winning egg will be marked so the finder can claim the prize. Prizes will not be based on the number of eggs found.

The committee for the egg hunt consists of Robert Schanck, Warren Garner and Ronald Whelpley.



PRESENTING A congressional citation to members of the Castleton Volunteer Ambulance squad in recognition of its 29 years of service to the Schodack community is Congressman Gerald Solomon. Susan LaDuke, retiring president and Gary Ziegler, the squad's newest president, accept the honor.

(photo by William Lisosky)

Hyman Rosenblum, Schodack attorney, who arranged the Congressman's appearance as guest speaker, was master of ceremonies. Charles Schermerhorn, treasurer of the dinner-dance committee, gave the welcome. Fred Mutterer and Bert

Timmers were co-chairmen, with Elsie Stockman as secretary. Dinner coordinator was Patsy Grieco, who supervised the serving of the dinner by volunteer waitresses from The Country Club staff.

Music for dancing was donated by the Glenn Haber Band and the Stockman Brothers.

Congressman Solomon presented an American Flag that had flown over the Capitol to Susan LaDuke, outgoing president, and Gary Ziegler, the new president of the ambulance

squad. Mr. Ziegler thanked all those present and those who contributed to the event, and said that without the great support the ambulance service receives from the community, its 29 years of service would not have been possible. "You make it work," he told the guests.

The 29th anniversary of the ambulance service was noted in a letter of congratulation from Governor Mario Cuomo, and Assemblyman Glenn Warren presented a resolution of congratulation from the State Legislature. Schodack Supervisor G. Jeffrey Haber read a resolution of the Town Board, designating March 24 as "Appreciation Day" in the town, and Castleton Mayor Ogoshi read a resolution of the Castleton Board of Trustees proclaiming Saturday as "Castleton Volunteer Ambulance Day" in the village.

Town Justice William Scheidel presented the ambulance squad with a plaque from the committee commemorating 29 years of community service and Justice Albert Peter installed the 1985 officers of the ambulance squad. In addition to Mr. Ziegler, they are Patti Mutterer, vice president; Ellen Johnson, financial secretary; Arthur C. VanDeWal, treasurer; Janice Dikant, recording secretary; and Barry Fronk, squad captain.

Mr. VanDeWal was given a plaque honoring him as the oldest member of the squad in service. He has assisted in more than 5,000 of the some 10,000 calls answered by the ambulance service since it was founded in 1956.

Congratulations to the ambulance service was expressed by Brian Goetke of the South Schodack Fire Company, who presented a check to the squad from the fire company.

Mr. Ziegler expressed thanks to the Bruen Rescue Squad of East Greenbush which had a crew on hand to answer Castleton ambulance calls during the dinner.

Fred Mutterer presented a check of \$500 to the ambulance service on behalf of the committee for future use of its members. This was a surplus from the funds raised to pay for the dinner. He expressed thanks on behalf of the committee to the many members of the community who supported the event.



OFFICERS OF the Schodack Valley Fire Company were installed Saturday night in ceremonies held at the Elks Club in East Greenbush. Installed were from the front row left, Steve Kelly, president; Mike Canestro, vice president; Paul Donnelley, secretary and Roy Lustenader, treasurer. Second row, Doug Isachsen, chief; Peter Schweigert, second assistant chief and Ray Hutchins, assistant chief of the fire police. Third row, Ed Weston, captain of truck 321; Jim Bult, captain of truck 326 and Frank Pinette, captain of truck 327. Absent from the picture are Carl Wentworth, first assistant chief and Martin Teeter chief of the fire police.

## Schodack churches set Holy Week schedules

Schedules have been announced for Holy Week services by Castleton-Schodack churches.

They include two Easter Sunrise Services, one sponsored by St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, East Schodack and the other a joint service of Emmanuel Reformed and the St. Paul's United Methodist Churches, Castleton.

## Esquatak holds annual meeting

The annual meeting and dinner of the Historical Society of Esquatak will be held on Friday, April 19, at 7 p.m. at the Emmanuel Reformed Church on Maple Hill Road.

A turkey dinner with dessert will be served by women of the church. The dinner is \$6 per person. Vivian Ingalls is in charge of reservations and may be contacted at 732-2204.

## Mary joins Hamm family

Cheryl and Jeffrey Hamnt are the parents of a baby girl, Mary Beth, born February 16 at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas.

The grandparents are Richard Hamm, former Castleton fire chief and wife, Loral, who now reside in Knightdale, North Carolina and Lila and Darrell Howe of Dixon, Missouri.

Great-grandparents are Mary and Harry Hamm and Beth Lind, all of Castleton.

## Town hall open Saturday thru May

The Schodack Town Hall is open every Saturday through May for the convenience of trout fishermen and others who may have business to conduct, according to Town Clerk Donna Bissell.

Saturday hours are from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The clerk is also available during her regular weekday schedule of 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the town hall. (hl-cm)

## Schodack police investigate grand theft

Schodack police are continuing an investigation into the theft of a box trailer, valued at \$5,500, from Green Mountain Carriers on Route 9 in Castleton.

The theft was reported last Wednesday morning by Gordon Sands and apparently occurred during the previous night. (dg-cm)

## Castleton plans annual parade

The first meeting to plan this year's Castleton Memorial Day parade will be held this evening, March 28, at 7:30 p.m. at the Castleton Village Hall.

Interested persons and organizations are invited.

Topics to be covered will include an update on the amount of funds left from last year, selection of a grand marshal and choice of a theme for the parade. (hl-cm)

## Honor Society induction April 4

New members of the National Honor Society will be inducted at an assembly program at Maple Hill High School Thursday, April 4.

A reception will follow in the school library.

New members selected from the senior and junior classes will be inducted and current members from the senior class will be honored. Members are selected by a majority vote of the faculty council on the basis of scholarship, leadership, service and character. Joanne Danaher, faculty advisor, is chairman of the selection committee.

Current members recently attended a play at the Market Theatre in Albany in recognition of their two-year membership. The current members are JoAnn Boyle, Christopher Canonica, Stacey Danner, Cathy Forest, Joseph Gershman, Donald Hedrick, Annette Kahler, Maria Leonard, Colleen Morgan, Raehene Noll, Debbie Pulikowski, Dan Ray, Kathleen Roe and Matthew Stinner.

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