

# LOCAL NEWS

## St. Regis Parish News

**Youth Alive '95** - The second annual diocesan youth gathering is scheduled to take place this weekend April 28/29 in Massena. Students signed up from the Parish are reminded of the schedule:

Fri. April 28th - 7 p.m. be at St. Mary's Social Hall, Sycamore St., Massena. - 7:00-7:45 - p.m. Registration 7:45 Opening, 8-9:30 p.m. Concert by Steve Angrisano 10:00 p.m. Departure Students can be picked up at 10:00 p.m. in front of St. Mary's Church.

Saturday, April 29th-9:00 Be at Sacred Heart Church, Massena. The days activities include a keynote address by Steve Angrisano from Dallas, Texas entitled "Let's Celebrate Life Together," a workshop session, lunch, an afternoon workshop session, reflection's with Bishop Loverde, Diocese of Ogdensburg followed by 4:30 p.m. mass and supper. Students are free to leave at 7 p.m. However if they wish they are welcome to stay for a huge dance from 7-9:30

followed by night prayer and departure at 10 p.m.

A reminder that all candidates preparing for Confirmation are invited to participate as part of the preparation program of the Parish. This will be their retreat experience for this year. Any questions please contact the Kateri Hall 358-2931.

**Rental of Kateri Hall** - All rentals and/or using of Kateri Hall must be cleared and reserved through the office at 518-358-2931. The official calendar at the Hall is the only calendar concerning use of the Hall. All groups/individuals including parish organizations, must request or assign someone to be responsible for contacting the hall on a monthly basis to check availability for meetings or sessions to be held there. The Hall is available for rental for community members for dinners, wakes, showers, or parties, etc. When the Hall is not being used by religious instruction programs, Debbie or Lucille will be

happy to schedule any functions if dates are open and available. So before making any plans or announcements be sure to clear it with the girls at the Hall.

**Spring Fund Raiser** - Do you have your membership yet? For the low cost of \$20 Can. or Am. you can be eligible for 10 drawings for \$100. each. First drawing will be Sat. April 29th and continue each Sat. Through July 1st. Stop by the Rectory or Kateri Hall this week to purchase yours. Thanks in advance for your support.

**Baptisms for April** - The baptisms for April will be Sunday April 30th at noon at the Church. For May baptisms, please contact the Rectory and schedule an appointment with Elaine.

**First Communion** - A reminder that First communion will be celebrated May 14th at the 10 a.m. Mass. Final meeting and practice will be announced in next weeks paper.

**Position: General Secretary - Mental Health and Alcohol Program**

**Duties:** Receptionist duties include answering phones, delivering messages in a timely fashion; greeting clients and ensuring their connection to the provider; keeping the reception area neat and presentable.

-Cooperative relation with Mental Health and Alcohol/Chemical Dependency Program to the mutual benefit of both programs. This will include becoming familiar with the paper work and procedures of both programs.

- Typing from handwritten copy or transcribed from tape; periodic review of Mental Health client charts to ensure compliance with OMH standards.

- Data Coordination - this means reviewing provider PCC and GARS data recordings for completeness, making necessary corrections and getting the data to the units and agencies who need it.

- Maintain supplies and

forms in adequate quantity.

- Scheduling and rescheduling as needed (most of the clinicians schedule their own clients).

-Photocopying as needed.

-Maintaining the resource library including signing in and out books and monitoring book returns and follow up on unreturned books.

- Pulling charts and medical records and getting them to the providers as needed.

-Clerical assistance for various projects as required.

Deadline for applications: May 5, 1995.

St. Regis Mohawk Health Service is an equal opportunity employer, they do not discriminate against sex, age, creed or origin. Native American preference applies.

Submit letter of application and resume to:

Margaret Terrance, Director  
St. Regis Mohawk Health Service

Rt. 37, Box 8A  
Hogansburg, NY 13655



## 1995 Native American Women's Recognition Event

ROCHESTER, N.Y. - By Yvonne Bilinski

In Native American culture, women are the center of all things. Today, Native women continue to be a powerful force in their society and the community in general. Native American Women's Recognition Event was formed in 1989 to honor the significant educational, cultural, and community achievements of Native women in upstate New York. Past honorees include educators, clan mothers, politicians, artists and a tribal chairwomen. On April 29, 1995, at the Memorial Art Gallery in Rochester, seven extraordinary Native American women will be honored for their outstanding accomplishments and five women will be recognized for their achievements to date.

**Dr. Debra Omiatek (Ojibwe):** Dr. Omiatek is like the "old time" general practitioner. She believes strongly in the need to provide quality health care to her Native community and remains committed to the Tuscarora community despite being sought after by other clinics and hospitals.

**Karen Medville (Cherokee):** Ph.D. Candidate in Environmental Toxicology at Cornell University. Karen is keenly interested in the area of heavy metal toxicology and its effects on Native communities where she does research, such

as at Akwesasne where she has concerns about airborne lead and contaminated fish. She feels it is critical to become a solid link and to maintain a connection between the academic world of the sciences and the Indian communities.

**Esther Sundown (Onondaga):** Known as "Granny" to many, Esther works hard to maintain her traditional ties as a Faithkeeper and respected elder. She exhorts people to appreciate what the Creator has given them. She feels she is enriched greatly by the Creator and is further enriched by the people with whom she lives, meets and works. Esther will be 79 this summer.

**Esther Mitchell (Mohawk):** Esther is a Clan Mother for the wolf Clan. She has always been involved in the politics of her community and does not hesitate to stand up against popular activities that go against her principal beliefs. After suffering a heart attack while preparing for the Mid-Winter Ceremonies, Esther has returned to resume her Longhouse duties and responsibilities.

**Verda Lyons (Mohawk):** Verda is a certified Alcohol Counselor and Registered Nurse at the Onondaga Nation Reservation. She is recognized as a powerful positive force there. She began her personal recovery from alcohol abuse in

1990 and she is now a strong advocate for issues related to substance abuse. Verda is active in the parent group at the Onondaga Nation School.

**Jane Doctor (Seneca):** Jane is seen as the driving force for positive healthy change within the Rochester Native American community. She is committed to the preservation of our cultural teachings and traditions.

**Virginia Snow (Seneca):** Virginia is the gem of Native American womanhood. At a time when Native women did not go on to college, Virginia did. A life long teacher, she remains committed to sharing her knowledge and skills with all who want to learn. She enjoys storytelling, beading and silversmithing.

**Halona DeLisle (Mohawk):** Cornell University student. Transfer student to the electrical engineering program. Currently in the US Marine Corps and is slated to attend the Office Training School after graduation. In the Marines, she is a member of the Presidential Squadron, an honor guard for President Clinton.

**Melissa Phillips (Oneida):** Cornell University student. Active in Native American student activities on campus and at Akwe:kon House where she oversees student residents and assists with the planning, implementation and evaluation

of developmental, informational, social, and cultural programs within the residential unit. This summer she will be working on an environmental research project at Akwesasne.

**Tonia Loran (Mohawk):** Monroe Community College Student. Works at Ganondagan State Historical Site during the visitor season as an interpreter, storyteller, and guide. She is active in her local native community.

**Norma Tarbell Sunday (Mohawk):** Assistant Director of the Higher Education Opportunity Program at St. Lawrence University. Norma has always worked hard to improve not only herself, but her people as well. She works in the educational field as a counselor, administrator, program developer, while also attending graduate school.

**Heather Rozier (Seneca):** Alfred State University student. In the teacher education program at Alfred, Heather is well respected by her community and her peers. She has been selected for years by her peers in the Native and non-Native community for leadership roles to represent youth concerns. She is a warm, caring person whose pride, commitment, and dedication to helping and serving her people represents the Seneca Nation well.

Native American dignitaries attending the luncheon and

honoree ceremony include guest speaker, Charlotte Heat Ph.D. (Cherokee), the director of Public Programming at the National Museum of the American Indian of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. In 1989, Dr. Heth was one of the first women to be acknowledged at the Native American Women's Recognition Event. The Native American Women's Recognition Event is co-sponsored by the Friends of Ganondagan, Inc., the University of Rochester Office of Minority Student Affairs, and the Memorial Art Gallery. This event was possible through generous underwriting of the Friends of Ganondagan, Inc., the Rochester Area Foundation, Memorial Art Gallery, Gateway Banquet Center, Artist Ramona Sakiestewa, the University of Rochester Office of Minority Student Affairs and the Daisy Marquis Jones Foundation.

