

Local News

Baha'i Community Honors PICEI with World Citizenship Award



Left to right on front row: Inez Cook, Art Director PICEI; Jean Heme, PICEI Membership Director; Florence Patterson, PICEI Executive Director, and Pauline Cook, PICEI Member, Second Row: Glenn Jackson and Danny Anderson both are PICEI staff employees.

On March 21, 1996, at a reception held in Madrid Hepburn Library, Pamoja International Cultural Exchange Inc. (PICEI) was honored by the Madrid Bahai Community with the World Citizenship Award. This award was conceived in 1992, to acknowledge local organizations or individuals, whose activities exemplify the words of Baha'u'llah (Prophet-founder of the Bahai faith) inscribed on the award:

"The earth is but one country, and mankind it's citizens."

This award is given if there is an honorable candidate on United Nations day for the elimination of racial prejudice. The first award was presented to North Country Public Radio during their 25th anniversary in 1993

Present at the reception to honor PICEI was Massena Town Supervisor Duane Hazelton who addressed those gathered, expressing

his appreciation toward PICEI and optimism about the future. To receive the honor on behalf of PICEI was Florence Patterson, Executive Director and Founder. Presenting the award on behalf of the Bahai Community was Aram Gomez with assistance from Samara Rivera. Julia Gomez was the designer of the award. Co-organizer of the honor reception, Nina River acted as host for the evening along with her son Hazael Rivera, who did an excellent job of preparing the evenings' refreshments. Also present from the PICEI organization was Chrysetta Patterson, Project and Program Dir. Jean Heme, Membership Dir., Inez Cook, Artistic Dir., Danny Anderson and Glen Jackson, staff employees and Pauline Cook, member. Some of the others unable to attend were Carl Patterson, Patricia Bova, and Gwen Mckinnon, Publicity Director.

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Celebration of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha's Feast Day: Mass will be held Saturday, April 13th at 4 pm. All are invited to attend. Father Milton McWatch and Deacon Ron Boyer will be present to join Fr. Belgarde at the mass, as well as some of the Akwesasne Singers and Dancers. Dinner will be served at the Kateri Hall following the mass.

Please note change in mass time: Starting next Saturday, April 20th, the Saturday anticipated mass will be changed from 4 pm to 7 pm and will continue through the summer months.

Spring Fund Raiser: Have you purchased a membership yet? Weekly drawings are set to start April 29th. There will be 10 weekly drawings of \$100 each every Monday through July 1st. Tickets can be purchased at Kateri Hall or the rectory for \$20 each, Cdn. or Am., and winner will be paid in same currency they purchase ticket in. Proceeds will benefit religious education. Thanks for your support and good luck.

Religion Program: Classes resume the week of April 15th on the American side after Easter vacation. Classes continue as scheduled on the Canadian side in the three Canadian schools.

Guggenheim and Young People...A Perfect Match! It's going to be a great season at Camp Guggenheim, on the shores of Saranac Lake! Young people, make reservations now to join the vibrant Catholic faith community for a fun-filled week jam packed with adventure!

Six one-week sessions for young people ages 12-15 are scheduled from June 23rd through

August 2nd. The seventh week of camp is designed for teens ages 16-18, and will be held August 4th-9th. The program is staffed by experienced, enthusiastic counselors and costs \$125 a week. Contact the Kateri Hall for an application!

Youth Alive '96: This third diocesan youth gathering will be held in Watertown on April 26 & 27 starting Friday with "God Rock Cafe." Featured will be Don Kimball, founder and President of Cornerstone Media, Inc. Don is a popular speaker at National Conferences. Don speaks to teens just where they are, with wit and wisdom and rock music!

The event is open to youth in grades 7-12, and adults who are interested in sharing this experience with our young church. Please call Kateri Hall for information and/or to register.

Confirmation Candidates: Candidates are reminded to turn in their Youth Alive '96 registration forms and fee to Kateri Hall by April 16th. All students preparing for confirmation will be attending

Saturday, April 27th (DAY ONLY). Bus transportation will be provided and fee will include this charge.

Sportscamp '96 Dioceses of Ogdensburg Basketball and Soccer Camp: This second annual summer sports camp will be held at Wadhams Hall Seminary College in Ogdensburg, NY and has been extended to two-one week sessions. Basketball camp will be offered July 28 through August 1. Soccer Camp will be offered August 11-15.

Applications for the boys or girls, age 12-14, can be obtained from Kateri Hall for those interested.

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