

On Sunday, March 7, 2010 the Allegany District Office of the American Red Cross of Southwestern NY held the fourth annual Savor the Flavor – A Taste of Allegany County. On behalf of the entire Board of Directors I would like to extend a huge thank you to the community for your continued patronage of this event and support for the work of the Red Cross. I am pleased to report that this event raised \$10,000 for the local chapter. Due to your donation we will be able to continue to serve the families of Allegany County when they are in need.

Once again, we could not have asked for more support from the business community and patrons. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank each participating restaurant and caterer. Moonwinks Restaurant, The Kopper Keg, Ace's Country Cupboard, Cuba Cheese Shoppe, Cakes and Curios, Cuba Memorial Hospital, The Belvidere, Giant Food Mart, Alfred State College Culinary Arts Division, The Magnolia House, Carpies Grill, the Cuba and Park Plaza Liquor, Black Eyed Susan, 17 West Bistro, The American Hotel, Murdock's Bar and Grill, Case Catering, The Lodge Bed & Breakfast, The Belfast Hotel, Sanzo Beverages, Salamanca Area Beverage Co. The food selections were better than ever with enough variety to satisfy everyone's tastes. The wine and beer samplings could not have been better. Thank you to Mike Berardi and Rodney Stebbins for securing Keuka Spring Winery and Bully Hill this year. Our vendors have demonstrated once again what a great place Allegany County is to shop and dine.

I'd like to pay special tribute to the VFW for extending to us the use of their facility and to Ed Zalar for coordinating the parking. Thank you to Argentieri Brothers, and Plants and Company Inc. for their donations. Nick Abraham, Patti Petroni, Bob Shook, Kate Plants and Judy Hoberg continue to make the organization of this event look easy. Their time and talent are immeasurable gifts to our chapter of the Red Cross.

Thank you to Michelle Conklin and Jennifer Burdsall for organizing the silent auction and to Hart's Jewelers, Barbara's Flowers, Kester's Flowers, Hair & Co., La Gra, The Beef Haus, Hometown Fitness, Cuba Memorial Hospital, Trend Addictions, Tan'n Deck, Bob and Beth Shook, Cakes and Curios and The Gift Nook for their generous contributions to the silent auction.

We have already begun planning for next year's event. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, March 6, 2011, for the fifth annual Savor the Flavor – A Taste of Allegany County. Mark your calendar and save your appetite for what promises to be another enjoyable afternoon with ample opportunity to sample some of Allegany County's finest foods.

Sincerely,
Sandra Keough
Event Chairperson

