

## THE AMERICAN RED CROSS OF SOUTHWESTERN NY ELECTS DIRECTORS, OFFICERS AND SALUTES THE COMMUNITY AT ANNUAL MEETING IN OLEAN.

The Southwestern NY Chapter of the American Red Cross conducted its Annual Meeting on June 29<sup>th</sup> with more than 65 people in attendance at the Ho-Sta-Geh Restaurant in Olean, NY. Special guest speaker for the evening was the Honorable Catharine Young, New York State Senator. Four directors were elected to the Board: Dick Erickson of Falconer, Marty Fuller of Wellsville, Vince Horrigan of Bemus Point, and Greg Milne of Dewittville.

The following officers were elected for the FY 2011-2012 Fiscal Year: Clayton Sweeney, Board Chair; John Plumb, Board Vice Chair; Xena VanDewark, Finance Chair; and Robert Shook, Secretary.

Outstanding health and safety instructor awards were presented to Paul Benware of Chautauqua County, Paula Gardner of Allegany County, and Wendy Mallery of Cattaraugus County.

Community Partnership awards were presented to Chautauqua Lake Central School District, Genesee Valley Central School District and Portland Central School District. The Fralick Family received the Amy King Distinguished Service Award for their dedication to helping others through blood donations.

The American Red Cross of Southwestern NY has a membership of just over 500 volunteers and helps people prevent, prepare for and respond to disasters and emergencies...Across Chautauqua, Cattaraugus and Allegany Counties. The Southwestern NY Chapter is a United Way Agency.