

# Listen Veteran

by Edward C. Balthasar, State Veteran Counselor

The dedication this month of the new State Veterans Home on Long Island signals the need for more long term care for our aging veterans, according to Dr. Nicholas F. Sallèse, Director of the New York State Division of Veterans' Affairs. This need will be addressed by a major symposium in December, sponsored by the Division of Veterans' Affairs, the Veterans Administration, and the New York State Legislature.

The Long Term Health Care Symposium, scheduled for Dec. 7-9 in Saratoga, is expected to establish a centralized planning process to deal with aging veterans in New York State with VA and other health care systems.

"We expect to identify key issues and exchange information," commented Dr. Sallèse, "The Symposium represents another major initiative by which New York State and the Veterans Administration combine forces to aid our older veterans."

## Tips for a Beautiful Tree

Whether it's evergreen, ever-blue or even ever-silver, your Christmas tree can be more beautiful if you follow the following decorating tips from the National Ornament & Electric Lights Christmas Association (NOEL), an industry group representing manufacturers of Christmas lights, decorations and ornaments:

- For artificial trees: Allow branches to fall open if the tree is hinged. Shape each branch outward and slightly upward. Keep the main branches parallel to the floor.

- Light sets: Miniature lights not only look beautiful

## Tidbits of the Times

by Polly Newman

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David Jacobs and Anne Peacock of Mendon Center Rd. held their 2nd Annual Xmas Cocktail party on Sunday the 13th. Mr. Jacobs is the owner and president of Star Headlight Co. on W. Main St. One hundred guests from Canada, Naples, Rochester, Lima, Canandaigua, and Honeoye Falls enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and cocktails at the festive occasion. Estelle Laviani, her daughter Chris and son Frank, a professional bartender, assisted David and Anne in serving their guests. Everyone had a lovely time!

Lola Gilbert had her radio tuned to WHAM-1180 early last Friday morning and heard the announcement that Mrs. Hazen Gilbert had won the contest for an all expense paid shopping spree to London, England. She had only 11 minutes and 8 seconds to phone the station to confirm the prize. The Gilberts have five telephones in their home and believe it or not, none of them worked at 7:30 a.m. Friday! Lola ran to a neighbor's home in her nightgown to make the call and the neighbor was quite upset thinking the Gilbert house was on

fire! Lola made her phone call and all ended happily. Lola is to receive 1180 English pounds (about \$2,000 American dollars), flight for two to London on the British Airways and three nights in the Trusthouse Forte Hotel. Lola's postcard was drawn from over 8,000 entries that had to correctly identify five London stores mentioned on 1180 the previous week. The Gilberts are planning the trip for March 88 which would coincide with their 40th wedding anniversary! Lola just returned from a trip to New York City which was a retirement gift from A&R Color Lab on W. Henrietta Rd. Congratulations, Lola and Hazen! Have a ball!

Last week we congratulated Connie Callerame for also winning a WHAM radio contest. Two winners in a row from Honeoye Falls! These gals are putting Honeoye Falls on the map. Lightening strikes twice!!

Karen Vendeville, daughter of Barb Vendeville of Maplewood Ave., has a showing of her sculptures, drawings and other art works on exhibit at the Columbus School of Art and Design in Columbus, Ohio. The exhibit opened on Saturday, Dec. 12 and will be shown until Jan. 2. Karen graduates at the end of the December semester and will locate in Columbus temporarily. Barb and other family members have been in Columbus for the opening of the exhibit. Good luck in your chosen career, Karen.

The January issue of Redbook will have a story of particular interest to local folks. It's about Honeoye Falls resident Gretchen Alday.

Gretchen was 17 when her mother became ill with Alzheimer's disease. Today, ten years later, she struggles to live with the memory of her selfishness as a teenager, and the fear that she too could develop the disease which claimed her mother's life.

# Salvation Army Goes to Jail

Christmas came early today to Monroe County Jail inmates when the Salvation Army showed up with a truckload of gifts for their children, Sheriff Andrew P. Meloni said.

"This is the fourth year of the program and the inmates have been very appreciative," said Mrs. Maj. George Payton of the Salvation Army.

Dozens of dolls, toys, plastic sleds, gym bags and other items will be kept in a jail holding cell where inmates can select from them as they come to the visiting area for family visits, said Edward Ignarri, Director of Rehabilitation for Monroe County Jail.

Mrs. Maj. Payton said that funds for the children's presents come from "our kettle efforts and our annual Christmas

appeal." If not for the efforts of the Salvation Army, many incarcerated persons, because of their situations, would not be able to provide gifts for their children, Sheriff Meloni said.

The gifts for inmates' children program is conducted nationwide by the Salvation Army, said Mrs. Maj. Payton. "But I believe Monroe County Jail has the only in-jail toy store," she added.

Sheriff Meloni said the jail's rehabilitation staff assists in the program which will continue through the Christmas period. "There's no question that the program gives a little boost to the morale of our inmates and their families during the holidays and I thank the Salvation Army for their kindness," the Sheriff said.

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