

What's Going On

Joint brunch to be held at Temple Shaarey Zedek

The Annual Joint Brunch of the Sisterhoods of Temple Shaarey Zedek and Temple Beth El will be held at 9:45 a.m. Sunday, March 18 at Temple Shaarey Zedek, 621 Getzville Road. Following brunch, Leah Saada will present A Musical Medley: A Presentation of Jewish Melodies, Folk Tunes, and Songs From the Theater. Call 838-3232, for reservations and information.

DAR to meet at Beechwood Residence

The Williams Mills Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 20 at Beechwood Residence, 2235 Millersport Highway, Getzville. The program, presented by Joan Klenk, will be "Decorated Soldiers of WWII." For more information, call 823-0292.

UMC to present 'Goodbye to Winter'

The United Methodist Church Women and Youth of Christ UMC will present "Goodbye to Winter" from 12:30 to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 18 at the church, located on the corner of Harlem and Saratoga roads, Snyder. The menu will consist of roast pork and gravy, glazed carrots, apple-sauce, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut and coleslaw. The cost is \$8 adults, \$4 for children 10 and under. For tickets, call Jean Wood at 631-5506.

Voters features speaker on health of Great Lakes

Jennifer Nalbene of Great Lakes United will be the guest speaker at the Issues Luncheon sponsored by the Amherst Unit of the League of Women Voters of Buffalo/Niagara at noon Friday, March 16, at Scotch and Sirloin Restaurant, 6999 Maple Road. Nalbene will address invasive species as they affect the Great Lakes and contributing waters. She will cover current and ongoing methods of control as well as legislation at the state and national level. Interested persons are invited to attend this public meeting. The cost to attend is \$13 per person. Call Clarine Radt at 633-7069 to make reservations.

Big Band Dance and Silent Auction set

Amherst High School's Big Band Dance and Silent Auction will be held from 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, March 17 at the Amherst High School gymnasium, 4301 Main St., Amherst. Tickets cost \$5. Call 362-8354.

Alzheimer's Support Group to meet

The Alzheimer's Support Group will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 20 at ElderWood Health Care at Wedgewood, 4459 Bailey Ave., Eggertsville. Call 835-2543.



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Family Voices hosts most valuable voice awards

This year's second annual Most Valuable Voice Awards, sponsored by Family Voices Network of Erie County and its community partners, are fast approaching.

The deadline to submit a nomination is April 3. All those nominated will have their photographs taken and published.

The winner will be announced at the Erie County Children's Mental Health Awareness luncheon at the Buffalo Convention Center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 8.



Family Voices Network of Erie County

This is an opportunity for an individual or organization to nominate people in Erie County who support and promote family resilience, recovery, and the transformation of mental health services delivery for children and youth with serious mental health needs and their families.

There are three Most Valuable Voice Awards for which the group is now accepting nominations from the community.

The award honors, in each of three categories, the individual who has done the most to increase attention to the needs of children in Erie County with serious mental health needs and who exemplifies the teamwork central to the service philosophy of Family Voices Network.

Family Voices Network of Erie County is a partnership of government, service providers and community organizations with families to promote self-sufficiency of children with serious emotional disturbances and their families.

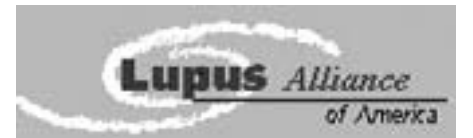
The nominations are now open to anyone in Erie County. Visit the Erie County Department of Mental Health Web site to download the nomination form for submission.

For more information, visit www.erie.gov/government or call Jennifer Klock at 898-3231.

Lupus Alliance hosts 30th annual luncheon

The Lupus Alliance of America, Upstate New York Affiliate, is sponsoring its 30th annual lupus seminar for lupus patients, their family members and friends, as well as professionals who want to learn more about lupus.

The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 24 at the Hearthstone Manor, 333 Dick Road, Depew.



Dr. Anthony Dee will be on hand to talk about skin involvement and lupus, while Mathew Philips will speak on joint replacements and the lupus patient.

Kathleen Arntsen, a patient advocate, will discuss what to know about clinical trials participation, and Dr. Ann Parke will speak on the antiphospholipid syndrome.

The annual Volunteer Recognition Award and the Cheryl Malke Scholarship will be presented during the luncheon.

Registration for the event is \$20 and is due by March 17. For more information or to register, call the Lupus Alliance at 835-7161 or 1-800-300-4198.

The Lupus Alliance will also hold a new patient orientation meeting from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 28 at the Lupus Alliance office, 3871 Harlem Road, Cheektowaga.

All newly diagnosed lupus patients, their families and friends are welcome.

There will be books and current literature available as well as a video and time for questions. There is no charge for the program, but reservations are necessary.

Red Cross in need of O type blood donations

The American Red Cross Blood Services, New York-Penn Region reports the urgent need for blood due to too many donors not keeping their appointments. There is a particular need for O positive and O negative blood. Red Cross is offering an incentive program called "Points for Pints," encouraging people to keep blood appointments. For more information, call 1-800-448-3543 or visit www.donatebloodnow.org.