

Business joins with financial services group to help wounded soldiers

Wounded U.S. military people will be recovering more comfortably in tear-away pants and pajamas as a result of a donation to the nonprofit organization Jammies for GIs from Adeptiv Solutions, located on Lawrence Bell Drive in Clarence, and the Liberty Region of Foresters.

Through Casual Day incentives and donation requests throughout the second half of 2007, an associate-managed group

called the Care and Share Committee worked with volunteers from the Foresters to collect \$1,960.

The money was used to purchase 14 suitcases along with tear-away pants, pajamas, and personal care products for injured military personnel who arrive for treatment without any personal belongings.

"We are proud to have generous and

caring associates that are involved with programs in the community," commented owners Scott Maybee and Mark Chandley, "We feel blessed as individuals and as a company to be able to help."

The "Care and Share Committee" at Adeptiv Solutions is intent on making a positive impact on the children and families in the communities where they live and work, according to a press release.

"This group has undertaken several additional charitable winter projects; including organizing a winter clothing drive to assist the homeless, destitute, and working poor at the Friends of Night People and children at Gateway-Longview," the release stated. "Their goal is to continue reaching out to local organizations, assuring people in need will benefit from their fundraising activities."

Class will divulge secrets on getting quality referrals

Les Robinson, an insurance broker with The Northwoods Corp., will present "Secrets of Getting More Quality Referrals" from 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 28 at the Amherst Chamber of Commerce, 350 Essjay Road, Suite 200.

The main goal of the class is to learn how to get more quality referrals easily and quickly. Learn new ways of getting more referrals that will generate more sales; new techniques of service referrals that are quick and easy to implement; strategic ways of getting new referrals; how to turn a cold prospect into a hot prospect; how to market to new prospects with little or no increase in marketing budgets; and a new strategic system to get more referrals that equal more sales.

Learn why referrals are important and the key to a successful sales program. Call the Chamber to register at 632-6905.

Fund to provide seniors with emergency pet care services

The Pet Emergency Fund announced that, due to a recent bequest from the estate of Mrs. Alice Poynton, the Pet Emergency Fund has created the "Hadji Fund," named after Mrs. Poynton's beloved dog, Hadji.

This fund will provide financial assistance to needy senior citizens faced with the need for emergency care for their pets, according to The Pet Emergency Fund.

"We want to use that money specifically to help defray the

cost of emergency veterinary care for senior pet owners, who should ask their veterinarians about the Pet Emergency Fund if they believe they are in need of assistance," said Sarah Tollner, a member of the Pet Emergency Fund's board of directors,

The Pet Emergency Fund also encourages area pet owners and anyone interested in the care of pets to donate to the Pet Emergency Fund through charitable bequests as well as monetary do-

nations.

The Pet Emergency Fund is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing financial assistance to pet owners in need during emergency situations with their pets. Through the generous donations of area pet lovers, the Pet Emergency Fund has helped over 1,300 pets throughout Western New York. For more information on the Pet Emergency Fund and the Hadji Fund, visit the web at www.PetEmergencyFund.org

School News

Kadimah School of Buffalo will host "Zumba Ladies Night" led by Mary Anne Cappelino, Zumba instructor and Buffalo Athletic Center wellness director at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10 at the school, 1085 Eggert road, Eggertsville. The event is free and open to any woman in the community. Participants are asked to wear sneakers and comfortable work-out clothing. To register to be a makeover contestant or for more information about the event or Kadimah, contact, Jill Mazzola at 836-6903, ext. 105 or at jillmazzola@roadrunner.com.

What's Going On

Music classes for babies set for Saturdays

Suzuki Violinists of Western New York will offer hour-long classes for infants through 3-year olds at 11 a.m. Saturday mornings from September to June at Harris Hill United Methodist Church, 8495 Main St., Williamsville. Call 553-1250 or e-mail eloisarafe11@verizon.net.

Laughter group set at Pine Lawn Chapel

Mount Calvary Cemetery will offer LaughterCare, a therapeutic laughter group, from 10 to 11 a.m. the first Saturday of every month at the Pine Lawn Chapel, 2951 Harlem Road, at Genesee Street. Contact Certified Laughter Leader, Nancy Weil at 892-6600.

Beginning bellydancing lessons now available

Beginner Belly Dance classes will be offered at the Harlem Road Community Center in Amherst from 6 to 7 p.m. Fridays. Cost is \$80 for 10 weeks. No dance experience needed, class open to women, teens and adults. Pre registration required. Call 632-6423, evenings.

Embroider's Guild announces meetings

The Embroiderers' Guild of America Buffalo Chapter will meet at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month starting Sept. 12 at North Presbyterian Church, 300 North Forest Rd. For more information on the meeting or on guild membership, call Mary Dolata at 632-0237.

Free computer classes set at center

The Western New Workforce Development Center, 3871 Harlem Road, will offer free courses to the community. The courses are scheduled at a variety of times and locations. Courses include basic Introduction and Internet to advanced Access and Excel and building a website and programming in C++.

Community Chorus seeks new members

The Community Group Festival Chorus is seeking new members with any level of experience and ability. No audition necessary. Rehearsals are held at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Randall Baptist Church, 6301 Main St. Call 877-1565.

Toastmasters meeting set

Northpointe Toastmasters, a non-profit organization that gives its members the opportunity to develop and improve their public speaking abilities, will hold meetings from noon to 1 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of each month at 25 Northpointe Parkway, Suite A, Amherst. FCall 689-8139.

Amherst Youth Board volunteers needed

the Amherst Youth Board is seeking volunteers to assist in after-school programs, office tasks related to the Warm Clothing Project, special events planning volunteers for the Amherst Dusk to Dawn Relay and Amherst Golf Classic, cleaning tasks and office/clerical projects. Call 631-7201.

New fall schedule announced for Pilates

Pilates classes will be held at 9:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday at the Harris Hill United Methodist Church, at the corner of Main Street and Harris Hill Road, Williamsville. Pilates will also be held at 8:30 p.m. every Friday and at 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday evening at gymboree play and music in the Steinmart/Premier Plaza on Transit Road near Maple Road. Classes are \$5. each and no membership is required. For more information, call 741-8641.

GBCC offers counseling solutions

Greater Buffalo Counseling Centers, Inc. is a non-profit counseling center located in the University Presbyterian Church on the corner of Main Street and Niagara Falls Blvd. GBCC has been in existence for 45 years. All counselors are trained and supervised by the licensed clinical psychologist and a licensed clinical social worker on staff. GBCC charges minimal fees for counseling services using a sliding fee schedule. No one is ever turned away if they are unable to pay. For more information, call 833-5993.

Public Hearing Town of Amherst FY 2008 Draft Action Plan

Community Development Block Grant
Home Investment Partnership Grant

A public hearing will be held on January 22, 2008 for the Action Plan covering the period April 1, 2008 - March 31, 2009 for the Town of Amherst. The purpose of the hearing is to solicit the views of citizens, public agencies and other interested parties on housing and community development needs, as well as comments on the Draft Action Plan, which is available for public review in local libraries.

The Action Plan sets goals for addressing housing and community development needs and delineates federal programs that will be used to meet those goals. Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME (Amherst-Cheektowaga-Tonawanda Consortium) grants that the Town applies for will be covered by the Plan.

Maximum anticipated funding levels for these programs for Federal FY 2008 are:

CDBG:	\$600,000
HOME Consortium (3 towns):	\$1,121,000

Those wishing to offer comments at the public hearing are encouraged to submit a written text, as well. Those not choosing to appear at the public hearing may submit comments in writing to the Amherst Planning Department, 5583 Main Street, Williamsville, N.Y., 14221.

The public hearing will be held at the following time and location:

Tuesday, January 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
Town of Amherst Municipal Building,
5583 Main Street, Williamsville, N.Y., 14221

Interpreters will be available upon request at the meetings to sign for the hearing impaired. If you are in need of such special arrangements, please contact the Amherst Planning Department at 631-7082, seven (7) business days in advance of the hearing. The hearing location is accessible to the physically handicapped.

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