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The Original Community Update: Week Ending 8/27/10



FAIRPORT MUSIC FESTIVAL RETURNS THIS SATURDAY

The highly anticipated Fairport Music Festival will be held this Saturday, August 28, 2010, from noon until dark in the Village of Fairport. The highlight of the day's activities is the music - more than twenty bands and entertainers will perform on three stages on Lift Bridge Lane. And for those interested in good food and children's activities, dozens of area restaurants and vendors will be selling their signature dishes at booths set up around the stages, and kids can enjoy free face painting, magic shows, henna tattoos, arts and crafts, and much more. The festivities begin at noon tomorrow. For more information, I encourage you to visit the Festival's web site at www.fairportmusicfestival.com. Enjoy!

UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATED IN IRONDEQUOIT

Tuesday, August 24th marked the 19th Anniversary of Ukraine's Independence. For many years I have had the distinct pleasure of working with members of the Ukrainian community to advance the many wonderful educational and cultural activities sponsored in the greater Rochester region. I am proud to represent such a large population of Ukrainian-American citizens in the State Senate.

This year's celebration was held at the Irondequoit Town Hall, and was a very emotional service commemorating the young nation's independence. I was on hand to present a Senate Proclamation recognizing the historic day.

HONOR FLIGHT PARTICIPANTS WELCOMED HOME WITH EMOTIONAL CEREMONY



Senator Alesi addressing the veterans, families and supporters at the welcome-home ceremony for Honor Flight Rochester

Last Sunday, before a throng of well-wishers gathered at the Greater Rochester International Airport, more than thirty World War II veterans arrived home from Washington, D.C. I was very honored, and moved, to welcome the veterans and participate in the ceremony. This week's mission was the 11th mission by Honor Flight Rochester, which has now sent 500 World War II veterans to Washington to visit the national war memorials.

It wasn't until I was shaking hands with returning veterans that I noticed my uncle was one of the honorees. I remember looking up to him and his generation when I was growing up. We can never forget their service and sacrifice to our nation, and I wholeheartedly support Honor Flight's goal to send hundreds more to Washington. Honor Flight is completely free to the veterans, and each one is accompanied on the two-day trip by a guardian, paid for by individual gifts.

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