

award-winning vocals to Amp

by Gail Burkhardt Staff writer

ara Evans, award-winning and multi-talented country music star, will perform at 8:15 p.m. tonight in the Amphitheater.

Evans has won Female Vocalist of the Year from the Academy of Country Music and the Country Music Association's Music Video of the Year award for her song "Born to Fly." She also has had several number one hits on the country music charts including "Born to Fly," "No Place That Far," "Suds In The Bucket" and "A Real Fine Place to Start," according to her official Web site.

Evans released her most recent album, "Greatest Hits," in 2007. The CD features her No. 1 hits, other popular songs from her now 12-year career and four new songs, according to information provided by her entertainment management firm.

Although her professional career started with the release of "Three Chords and the Truth" in 1997, Evans started singing long before then. When she was 5 years old, Evans began singing with her family's band in Boonville, Mo. By the time she was 16 years old, Evans regularly performed at a club in Columbia, Mo., according to her official Web site.

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The idea of

liberty is everchanging.

a.m. today in the Amphitheater, William Luers, former president of the United Nations sociation the USA, will present the



2009 Season's final morning lecture. In it, he will detail his own experience with liberty, how liberty has changed along with the world during his lifetime and what liberty will mean in the future.

Luers grew up in Springfield, Ill., the same town as former President Abraham Lincoln. He said the Emancipation Proclamation was his first consciousness of liberty as a child.

"It was an idea that seemed lovely to me," he said. "But it didn't mean anything."

To this day, he said he admires Lincoln's stance on liberty more than anyone else's throughout history. Still, he pointed out that liberty in Lincoln's time meant something much different than it means today.

Much of Luers' work throughout his career has been in foreign affairs. He was ambassador to Czechoslovakia during the Velvet Revolution, and he said he saw the intellectuals and writers bring about their freedom.

Seeing these people go from having no liberty to gaining their liberty, he said, has been the most gratifying moment of his career.

He said he thinks Americans cannot truly understand liberty until they have seen the deprivation of liberty, as he saw in Czechoslovakia.

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## Interreligious lecture examines 1st Amendment

Stahl, Thomas, Rauf give Jewish-Christian-Muslim perspective

by Judy Lawrence Staff writer

Three speakers familiar to Chautauqua audiences will return today to conclude the week's exploration of "Religious Liberty and the Faith of the Fathers" and the Department of Religion's Interfaith Lecture Series for 2009. The title of their presentation is "Does the First Amendment work today? A Jewish-Christian-Muslim Dialogue." They will speak at 2 p.m. today in

the Hall of Philosophy.

"Does the First Amendment still work? Is it working today for Jews, Christians and Muslims?" the Rev. Oliver "Buzz" Thomas asked.

Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf and Rabbi Samuel Stahl will join Thomas to discuss contemporary applications and challenges to the religion clauses of the First Amendment.

A leader in efforts to build bridges between Muslims and the West, Rauf is founder and chief executive officer of the American Society for Muslim Advancement and Imam of Masjid al-Farah, a mosque in New York City near Ground Zero. ASMA, created by Rauf in 1997, is the first American or-

ganization committed to bringing Muslims and non-Muslims together through programs in interfaith culture, arts, academia and current affairs.

Rauf preaches a message of peace and understanding among people, regardless of creed, nationality or political beliefs. He is a leader in the effort to build religious pluralism and integrate Islam into mod-

ern American society. He is the architect of the Cordoba Initiative, an interreligious blueprint for improving relations between America and the Muslim world and for pursuing peace in the Middle East. He also is a member of the National Interreligious Leadership Initiative for Peace in the Middle East in Washington, D.C.

In 2004, Rauf published What's Right with Islam: A New Vision for Muslims and the West. Since 9/11 he frequently has been called upon to give pre sentations on Islam.

Thomas, who spoke earlier this week, is a Baptist preacher and attorney who has presented cases at the state and national level, including the U.S. Supreme Court, and has taught church and state law at Georgetown University's Law Center. He is executive director of the Niswonger Foundation in eastern Tennessee.

See **SPEAKERS**, Page 4 Thomas





## Chautauquans cast long shadows as they stand as giants

#### Oliver Archives Center bonors big contributors

by George Cooper Staff writer

As part of its role to preserve the historical memory of Chautauqua Institution, the Oliver Archives Center has sponsored a series of tributes to giants — that is, Chautauquans who have contributed in some way, ly to Chautauqua.

shape or form to the Institution of today. The Archives celebrates "Five More Giants of Chautauqua" at 3:30 p.m. today in the Hall of Christ.

In a way, the presentation is not entirely about the forebears whose names the session honors but is also about those who do the selecting. Jon Schmitz, Chautauqua historian and archivist, said five Chautauquans get to pick a person, of any role at the Institution during any time period, who they feel has contributed significant-

George Snyder, chairman of the board of trustees, will speak about Carl Winters. Winters and his wife entertained Chautauqua guests at the Packard Manor and hosted events for many Chautauqua visitors. He was a Baptist minister and inspirational speaker for the General Motors Corp. and was deeply involved in Chautauqua activities.

Nancy Bargar will speak about William H. Sherwood, founder and director of the Sherwood Music School in Chicago and who, in the late Memorial Library for 17

19th century, gave many piano recitals on the grounds. Sherwood was the Piano Department head at Chautauqua from 1889 to 1910. In Jesse Hurlbut's book Story of Chautauqua, he wrote that Sherwood "showed himself a true Chautauquan by his willing, helpful spirit, no less than by his power on the piano."

Woody, the gregarious and good-spirited Woody, will speak about Helene Yurth, a woman of many talents who directed Smith

years. Yurth was known as a passionate gardener, an advocate for all things good

and a lover of life. Chautauqua's first lady Jane Becker will speak about another Chautauqua first lady, Jeanette Bestor. In Mary Francis Bestor Cram's book Chautauqua Salute: A Memoir of the Bestor Years, Cram, Jeanette's daughter, described her mother as "opinionated in her arguments" and not accepting of "any Victorian notion of herself as a silent helpmate." Cram wrote that her father

"liked to have my mother at his public appearances and sought her critique of his performances afterwards."

Butch Briggs, chief of Chautauqua Fire Department, will speak about his father, Royal (Butch) Briggs. Briggs worked for the Maintenance Department and was a man everywhere on the grounds, seeing things the everyday Chautauquan easily overlooks or has no training to actually recognize.

These are the giants whose shadows last long on Chautauqua's horizon.

#### **TODAY'S WEATHER**



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## **SATURDAY**



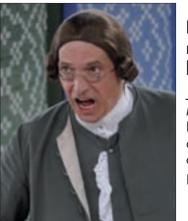






'God works the night shift'

Otis Moss III delivers Thursday's Morning Worship PAGE 7



#### Discussing religious liberty

Jefferson, Mason join Haynes in afternoon conversation PAGE 8



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#### NEWS



NEWS FROM AROUND THE GROUNDS

The Briefly column appears on Page 2 daily and is intended to provide space for announcements of Institution-related organizations. If a meeting or activity is featured that day in a story, it should not be repeated in Briefly. Submit information to Priscilla in the editorial office. Please provide name of organization, time and place of meeting and a contact person's name with phone number. Deadline is 5 p.m. four days before publication.

#### BTG presents Nature Walk today

Naturalist Jack Gulvin will lead a Nature Walk sponsored by the Bird, Tree & Garden Club at 9 a.m. today. Meet under the green awning toward the lake side of Smith Wil-

#### CWC offers Mah Jongg for members

The Chautauqua Women's Club invites members to meet at 2 p.m. today in the CWC Clubhouse for an afternoon playing Mah Jongg. Bring your set if possible. Memberships are available at the door.

#### Season-closing Peace Pole walk held Saturday

Closing the season, the annual Peace Pole walk will follow the June route, beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday at the north end of the grounds on Mina Edison Avenue, and moving south to end on Bryant Avenue. We will proceed to Evergreen, Hurst, Scott, Bliss, Miller, Roberts, South Lake, Fletcher, Peck, Massey and Hawthorne. We will stop at each pole location for the owner to make commentary if he or she is available at that time.

#### Chautauqua accepts non-perishable food

Chautauquans can dispose of their sealed, non-perishable foods, such as boxed and canned items, in the goldpapered carton on the floor inside the north entrance of Chautauqua Post Office. The Mayville Food Pantry makes the food available to needy individuals and families in the Chautauqua Central School District. For more information contact Lou Wineman at (716) 357-5015.

#### CWC continues 'Walk of Friends' Brick Project

Chautauqua Women's Club continues its "Walk of Friends" Brick Project, adding an additional 50 bricks to CWC's garden. Inscribe a commemorative brick and become a lasting part of Chautauqua's history. Each brick can be inscribed with three lines, 14 characters per line. Bricks are available for a donation of \$100 each. For information contact Pat Hirt at (716) 753-7846 or come to CWC's

#### Institution will not print fall Chautauquan

In an effort to reduce printing and postage costs of offseason publications, Chautauqua Institution will not be printing a fall Chautauquan in the coming months. The Institution Relations office will continue to provide Chautauquans with the most recent programming information and community news through its biweekly e-newsletter. If you are not subscribed to receive the Institution's e-newsletter, please sign up at www.ciweb.org.

#### McConnon to speak at Men's Club

Henry (Van) McConnon, owner of Chautauqua Suites in Mayville and Food is Good, Inc., will speak on his business ventures in the region at the 9 a.m. meeting of the Men's Club today at the Women's Clubhouse.







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#### RAINDROPS KEEP FALLIN' ON MY HEAD

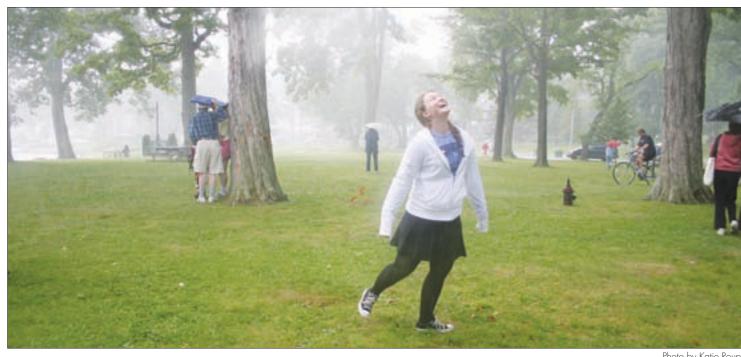


Photo by Katie Roupe

After a Muslim prayer service earlier this season, Kate Simmons decides to embrace the rain rather than take cover from it.



Chautauqua Fund chairs Bob and Mary Pickens in Bestor Plaza

### A time for reflection

by Mary and Bob Pickens Chautauqua Fund chairs

As the end of another season draws near, we reflect on all that has taken place in the preceding weeks.

We gather at Chautauqua every summer to gain a better understanding of the issues that affect us and society. We do so in a forum of social and intellectual engagement that is not often available to us anywhere else. Ours is a community of civility and acceptance that serves as a reminder of how we should live our lives the rest of the year.

Chautauqua provides a sanctuary for children in an atmosphere of safety and learning. We enable them to acquire skills and knowledge while building lasting friendships. There is a level of communication between children and adults that is seldom experienced away from here.



#### Friday at the Movies

Cinema for Fri., August 28 **GOTTA DANCE** (NR) **6:15** 93 min. 🎟 Special Guest Évent 🎟 This thoroughly entertaining documentary chronicles the debut of the New Jersey Nets' first ever senior hip-hop dance team 12 women and 1 man - all dance team newbies, from auditions through to center court stardom As smooth dance moves are per-fected and performed in front of thousands, aging myths and misperceptions are pulverized. "A feel good movie if ever there was one!" -David Noh, Film Journal Dancer **Betsy Walkup** will appear after the film!

THE HURT LOCKER (R for war violence and language) 8:30 131 min. Visionary director Kathryn Bigelow (Point Break) brings together groundbreaking realistic action and intimate human drama in this story of of a small team specifically trained to handle homemade bombs, or IEDs. "A first-rate action thriller, vivid evocation of urban warfare in Iraq, a penetrating study of heroism and a showcase for austere technique, terse writing and a trio of brilliant performances." -Joe Morgenstern, Wall Street Journal

Chautauqua offers the perfect balance of intellectual, artistic, spiritual and recreational stimulation that becomes part of our lives and provides us with much needed beauty, joy and renewal. If you are like us, there

are many gifts you will take home to share with family, friends and community leaders. Each of us has memories that make the Chautauqua season special. Personally, we also reflect

on the new friendships we have made with those who serve as Chautauqua Fund volunteers, and on the sacrifices they make to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to experience all that Chautauqua has to offer.

Our Chautauqua, and your Chautauqua, is made possible in large part by the annual Chautauqua Fund. Gate tickets cover only a portion of Chautauqua's expenses. If you have not made your gift to this year's Chautauqua Fund campaign, please do so today. The Chautauqua program is dependent upon your philanthropy. Every gift matters!



## Luers lecture sponsored by Goodell Lectureship

The Charles Ellsworth chairperson of the Presiden-Goodell Lectureship in Government and Public Affairs provides funding for Ambassador William Luers 10:45 a.m. lecture today.

The Charles E. Goodell Lectureship honors lifelong Chautauquan and U.S. Sen. Charles E. Goodell, who died of a heart attack in 1987 at age 60.

A Washington, D.C., attorney and lobbyist for his final 16 years of life, Goodell was chairperson of the board of DGA International Inc., a firm representing European companies bringing technology to the United States. He was associated with the Washington, D.C., law office of King & Spalding in Atlanta.

Goodell served nine years in the House of Representatives from a New York district including the Jamestown, N.Y., area. He was elected to his first full term in 1960. In 1968, Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller appointed him to the U.S. Senate to fill the unexpired term of the late U.S. Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. Goodell emerged as a leading critic of the Vietnam War and, largely because of a split within the Republican Party over that issue, was defeated for election to a full term after serving the final two years of Kennedy's term. In 1976, former President Gerald Ford appointed Goodell tial Clemency Board, which reviewed clemency applications of more than 21,000 Vietnam War resisters.

The son of a physician, Goodell was born and raised in Jamestown. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Williams College, he graduated from Yale Law School and received a master's degree at the Yale Graduate School of Government. He first went to Washington, D.C., in 1954 as a congressional liaison assistant in the Department of Justice and then returned to Jamestown to practice law before running for Congress.

Goodell's survivors include his wife, Patricia Goldman, former senior vice president of Corporate Communications, USAir. His first wife, Jean, died in 1984. There are five sons from his first marriage: Jeffrey Harris Goodell of Alexandria, Va.; William Rice Goodell and Roger Stokie Goodell of Bronxville, N.Y., Timothy Bartlett Goodell of New York City; and Michael Charles Ellsworth Goodell of Los Angeles. He also is survived by 10 grandchildren. All five sons are Chautauqua property owners. Mr. Goodell was one of six children. His siblings included June Goodell Freeman, George W. Goodell, Dr. James P. B. Goodell, John L. Goodell and lifelong Chautauquan Francesca Rappole.

#### U.S. Foodservice sponsors Evans performance tonight

This evening's 8:15 p.m. Amphitheater performance, "An Evening with Sara Evans," is sponsored by U.S. Foodservice Corp., the second largest wholesale foodservice distributor in the country.

U.S. Foodservice, which has partnered with the Institution for several years, is pleased to support tonight's performance. Steven Donnelly, U.S. Foodservice vice president of sales, said the learning environment that exists on the grounds is "unlike anything else in the world."

"The legacy that Chau-

tauqua continues to leave is pretty amazing," Donnelly said.

Donnelly experienced Chautauqua for the first time during the 2007 Season.

"I was blown away. ... The setting is magical," he said.

U.S. Foodservice believes food is not merely its business, but its passion. As is stated on the U.S. Foodservice Web site, its mission is to be "your partner beyond the plate." This sponsorship with such a historically significant group like Chautauqua helps the U.S. Foodservice realize this mission.



## Setterberg presents Writers' Center Brown Bag

Reporting skill essential in recording history, author says

by Sara Toth Staff writer

History isn't just what's in textbooks piled on shelves in high schools everywhere. Some may argue that journalists write the first drafts of history books, but there is no argument to the statement that people are living history in the making.

Fred Setterberg, week's prose writer in residence at the Chautauqua Writers' Center, will discuss the impact contemporary writing has on history, and vice versa, in his Brown Bag lecture, "History for Contemporary Writers," at 12:15 p.m. today on the front porch of the Literary Arts Center at Alumni Hall.

Setterberg is the author of numerous works, the majority of which he penned to fund his latest book project or simply to pay the rent, he said. His book projects include The Roads Taken: Travels Through America's Literary Landscapes, Toxic Nation: The Fight to Save our Communities from Chemical Contamination and Under the Dragon: Cali-

fornia's New Culture, the latter they were becoming Ameritwo of which he co-authored with Lonny Shavelson.

Setterberg and Shavelson spent three years reporting and researching in the greater San Francisco Bay for their collaboration on Under the Dragon. California has become a majority of minorities, Setterberg said, and numerous cultures and ethnicities now are blending together, forming what he called a "hybrid culture." The experiences that such a project yielded, Setterberg said, is also the basis of his talk.

"We had both lived here for a very long time," Setterberg said. "We had both been reporters here and we thought we had a sense of where we lived, but as we delved deeper into it, we saw things that were surprising us all the time."

Cultural strands from Asia, Latin America and the Middle East were especially prominent, Setterberg said. He gave the example of a madrasah — an Islamic educational center – in the heart of a working class, Latino community that both he and Shavelson thought they knew well. They were wrong.

"If you walk off the beaten block, there's another madrasah the size of two football fields, filled on weekends with young immigrants from around the world," Setterberg said. "They were becoming Muslims, even as cans. It was a part of their Americanization."

Setterberg gave another example of an Asian-American orchestra that regularly performed Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue," but with

"They played the quintessential American concert piece and pulled the piano out and replaced it with a pair of Chinese hammer dulcimers, percussion from Asia and Africa and inserted a guitar," he said. "They had a new anthem by inserting what really was missing, certainly from the perspective of California: the growing influence of Asia."

Setterberg said his experience in researching and writing Under the Dragon tied in with both the theme of his workshop this week and also his lecture about contemporary history. Writers can travel without ever leaving the area in which they are writing as long as they find a new place to set foot in, to make a place they have trod through all their lives entirely new.

"Those skills are required to freshen and step beyond some perceived wisdom about any place," Setterberg said. "You have to learn how to live with your own uncertainties and not being up to the task, perhaps, how to steel yourself to move forward and enjoy it, to most of all have a good time when you're re-



Setterberg

porting and you're writing."

Journalism, or at least the skills of journalism, is intrinsically tied to the idea of contemporary writers recording the present as history. Reporting is essential, Setterberg said, even if that reporting is tracking one's own responses to something new.

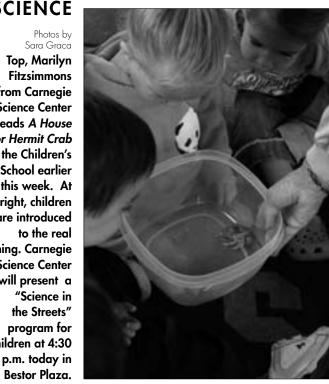
"It's another step to move beyond yourself and to have conversations, interviews, to engage with people who are not you and to get something from that that's usable and true, to make sense of the actual world around you," Setterberg said. "When you're in a new place, the tough part is actually forming the questions that you want to ask and to keep asking those questions to yourself.

"What does this mean? What does this signify? It's very much a reporter's task."



A WEEK **OF SCIENCE** 

Sara Graca Top, Marilyn **Fitzsimmons** from Carnegie **Science Center** reads A House for Hermit Crab at the Children's School earlier this week. At right, children are introduced to the real thing. Carnegie **Science Center** will present a 'Science in the Streets" program for children at 4:30



#### **END OF THE SEASON REMINDERS**

#### **BULK TRASH PICK-UP:**

The fall bulk trash pick-up will occur on Sept. 2 for articles that cannot be accommodated in the regular weekly pickup. Items should be set out at the curb and sorted into three piles: metals, wood products and general refuse. Items must be light enough for one person to lift. Unfortunately, tires, appliances, construction waste or hazardous materials cannot be accepted

#### OFF-SEASON REFUSE COLLECTION SCHEDULE RESUMES AUG. 31:

Commencing Monday, Aug. 31, the household refuse will be collected weekly at the street curb. Refuse and separated recyclables (newspaper, glass, tin food cans, plastics, corrugated cardboard) need to be placed at the street curb by no later than 7:30 a.m. every Monday throughout the remainder of the off-season.

#### **PARKING LOT PATRONS:**

Vehicle owners please note that the Main Parking Lot will close to overnight parking at the end of Labor Day weekend. Vehicles left overnight in the Main Lot after Sept. 8 will be considered to be abandoned and will be towed away at the owner's expense. Boats and boat trailers may remain in the rear boat area until Oct. 13. Vehicles may remain in the other Institution lots for short-term periods of less than a week in duration, unless posted signs indicate ditterently. All vehicles parked in Institution lots during the ott-season must display valid state vehicle registrations and license plates.

#### **OFF-STREET PARKING:**

The long-term storage of motor vehicles on Institution-owned street right-of-ways, such as tree lawns or road edges, and on other Institution-owned land, such as parks and other open space, is prohibited. Vehicles parked on such areas will be towed at the vehicle owner's expense. Vehicles may be parked on private property for long-term periods provided that they display valid state vehicle registrations.

#### **BOAT OWNERS:**

Boat owners please note that all boats, trailers and boat lifts that are stored in the Main Lot Parking Areas need to be removed for the winter. Boat lifts must be removed from the lot by Sept. 8. Boats and trailers must be removed from the lot by Oct. 13. Any boats, trailers of any type or boat lifts remaining in the parking lots after the deadlines will be considered abandoned and will be disposed of. During the winter time, boats and trailers should be stored only on private property and not on the ground along the lake shoreline.

Boat owners utilizing Institution-managed docks and who plan to leave their boats at Institution docks after Labor Day must register such intent with the Central Dock Office before Labor Day. Institution docks will be removed during the month of September and therefore special dockage arrangements may need to be arranged via the Central Dock Office. All watercrafts must be removed from Institution-managed docks and buoys by no later than Sept. 30.

## Crosby to focus lecture on Othello

by Christina Stavale Staff writer

In the final installment of Chautauqua Dance Circle's 2009 lecture series, Bonnie Crosby, programming director and founding co-president, will present "Shakespeare Dances Part II."

The lecture will take place at 3:30 p.m. in Smith Wilkes Hall.

During Week Two (Part I of the lecture), Crosby presented three versions of the ballet "Romeo and Juliet," but this time she will present three versions of "Othello." Guests need not have attended Part I in order to understand Part II.

She first will focus on choreography by José Limón, set to Henry Purcell's music.

She said this version of "Othello" is a classic, and that it evokes a style of a slow, stately dance from the 1600s.

"It's been said he distills the Shakespearean essence," Crosby said.

The ballet has four dancers who never leave the stage.

There are no great lifts or acrobatics, but it is, for me, a great work of art," she said.

"It's been called one of the 20th century's great works in modern dance."

The next version of "Othello" she will focus on features John Butler's choreography set to Antonín Dvořák's "Othello Overture."

This piece is special to her because it was Butler who gave Crosby her first job in dance. She said his style is a fusion of modern technique and classical ballet.

It is unique because the Crosby said. allet is centered on the antagonist, Iago, rather than the title character, Othello. The choreography itself involves lots of turning.

grounded, "It's very whereas Limón's piece has a lightness to it," Crosby said.

Finally, she will present Lar Lubovitch's version of "Othello," which contains music composed by Elliot Goldenthal. She will be showing only

the final pas de deux of the ballet, which she said is exciting, dramatic and sad. The special part about this version of "Othello" is that it

features Desmond Richardson as Othello. "I can't see anyone in that role other than Desmond,"

She said she hopes the audience will be exposed to dif-

ferent dance styles by attending this lecture.
"I always think that com-

parisons based on the same story widen the perspective of the audience," Crosby said.









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#### FROM PAGE ONE

#### TAKING IT TO THE STREETS



Character-interpreters Bill Barker as Thomas Jefferson and Richard Schumann as Patrick Henry converse and answer questions in front of the Hall of Missions before their 2 p.m. lecture Thursday.

#### **LUERS**

"We understand the idea," he said, "but not the absence of it."

Much of what the United States did during the 20th century, he said, was deal with the absence of liberty in other countries.

"The U.S. became the beacon of that effort," he said. "I have a very high regard for this role in the world."

But he said looking ahead, it is important for nations to

work together because the challenges countries face are likely to be environmental.

"Even though we have some terrible problems with other societies that don't agree with us, overriding all of these in the future [of] foreign affairs will be the degree to which nations can work together to prepare us for the impact of climate change in our lives," Luers said.

Luers said he hopes today's audience will realize that liberty in the 21st century will mean something very different than it did

during the 20th century.

"I hope that at the end of the day, they'll appreciate that liberty has meant different things in different eras," he said.

This past June, Luers left his post at the UNA-USA, which he had held since 1999. Before that, he served for 13 years as president of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.

Prior to that, he had a 31year career in foreign affairs, where he served as U.S. ambassador to both Czechoslovakia and Venezuela. He

also held numerous positions in Italy, Germany and the Soviet Union. He was deputy assistant secretary for Europe from 1977 to 1978, and for Inter-American Affairs from 1975 to 1977.

This year, he will be teaching courses at Columbia University, Tufts University and Hamilton College. He said he also is hoping to write a book on dealing with the enemy because it is important for people to learn to talk with those with whom they disagree.

**SPEAKERS** 

He is author of 10 Things Your Minister Wants to Tell You: (But Can't, Because He *Needs the Job).* 

Stahl, rabbi emeritus of Temple Beth-El in San Antonio, is a native of Sharon, Pa., and completed his un-

dergraduate education at the University of Pittsburgh. He earned a Doctor of Hebrew Letters and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity at Hebrew Union College — Jewish Institute of Religion. Prior to serving in San Antonio, he was rabbi of a congregation in Galveston, Texas.

He served as theologian

in residence in Chautauqua during the 2003 Season and helped enlarge Chautauqua's understanding from a Jewish perspective.

A past editor of the *Jour*nal of Reform Judaism, Stahl was the first rabbi to serve as co-chairman of the Jewish-Christian Forum of the Texas Conference of Churches.

Long an advocate of interfaith dialogue, he has received accolades from Texas Lutheran University and the Texas Conference of Churches for strengthening interfaith relations.

He is author of *Making the* Timeless Timely: Thoughts and Reflections of a Contemporary Reform Rabbi.

## Cawcroft Fellowship helps aspiring journalists

Chautauqua's chairman of the board of trustees, expressed concern about how to maintain and protect the Institution with fire services and related obligations. Seeking advice, he came to Ernest Cawcroft, a lawyer from Jamestown, N.Y., and the newest and youngest of Chautauqua's trustees.

Cawcroft prepared an act creating the Chautau-qua Utility District for presentation to the New York State Legislature. Though it passed the legislature, the governor objected to it on the grounds that it was a

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croft then solicited the help of former first lady Eleanor Roosevelt, who had visited Chautauqua, to persuade the governor to sign the act, enabling the Institution to

Cawcroft, a lifelong Chautauguan, served on the board of trustees for 50 years.

Prior to attending New York University School of Law, Cawcroft was a journalist, first serving as a cub reporter for the Jamestown Morning Post, a reporter for The Chautauquan Daily, and later a magazine writer of international reputation.

In memory of Cawcroft's service to Chautauqua and contributions to journalism, Chautauquan Stephen Anderson, Cawcroft's greatnephew, worked with the





During the Great De- Special Act, and he favored Chautauqua Foundation to Daily in hopes that other aspression, Ralph Norton, a General District Act. Caw- create a journalism fellow- piring journalists can conship to recognize a promising journalist who would serve as an intern for the *Daily*.

> Anderson said he hoped that through the fellowship and exposure to the Institution, the Ernest Cawcroft Fellow also would become an advocate "of all that Chautauqua represents for the rest of their life."

> The 2009 Ernest Cawcroft Fellow was School of Music reporter Elise Podhajsky, a Kansas State University student who will receive her Bachelor of Science in print journalism with a concentration in music in December 2009. The fellowship paid for Podhajsky's salary, housing and travel expenses.

"Being the first recipient of the Ernest Cawcroft Fellowship was a great honor as well as a great financial aid," Podhajksy said. "I will continue to spread the word about Chautauqua and the tinue to be a part of the Institution and hopefully leave as fortunate as me.

"This summer at Chautauqua is one I surely will never forget," she said. "I truly believe this internship at The Chautauquan Daily was exactly what I needed at this point in my journalistic career."

Daily editor Matt Ewalt said the fellowship recognizes the long history of community journalism at Chautauqua and serves as a reminder to the staff of the obligation to serve Chautauquans every summer.

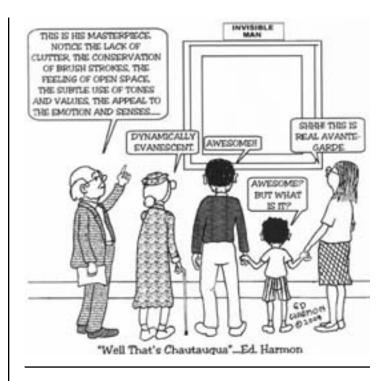
The goal of the fellowship is an endowment of \$100,000.

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#### **EVANS**

Evans' family is still an important part of her music. Her brother, Matt Evans, is the band's leader and bass guitarist and two of her sisters, Lesley Evans-Lyons and Ashley Evans-Simpson, sing background vocals. Evans also has three children and four stepchildren, and they sometimes travel with her and appear on stage.

Along with her work writing music, Evans also co-authored the book The Sweet By and By with Christian romance author Rachel Hauck.

Evans also is working on her own children's clothing line and is set to start a radio series with her husband, Jay Barker, later in the year.

Evans has dabbled in several other areas of show business including guest co-hosting ABC's "The View" and appearing on ABC's "Dancing with the Stars" in 2006.

"['Dancing with the Stars'] totally, totally changed my career," Evans said in her biography on her Web site. "It was one of the best times of my life. I loved it."

Marty Merkley, vice president and director of programming at Chautauqua, said Evans' appearance on "Dancing with the Stars" brought her into a new realm of entertainment.

The Institution typically books two country artists each year, he said, and Evans' popularity from "Dancing with the Stars" and her musical talent made her a good choice for the final Friday night Amphitheater Special of the 2009 Season.

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## Lytle continues Native American tradition with storytelling around fire

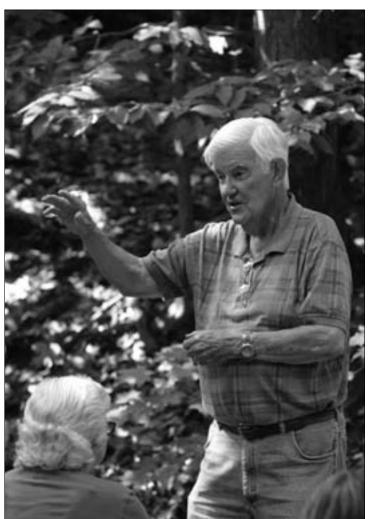
BTG event starts at 4:15 p.m. in *Firecircle* 

by Beverly Hazen Staff writer

William Lytle, one of Chautauqua's Native American storytellers, will share some stories at the Ravine Lecture at 4:15 p.m. today at the Mabel Powers Firecircle. Mabel Powers was adopted by the Tonawanda Seneca Nation in 1910 and was an international lecturer, author, promoter of piece, nature lover and keeper of Native American lore. She lived in Wahmeda, just beyond the north end of the grounds, first building a cabin there and later a house. Both places still exist, and Lytle lives in her house located on Wyoming. A stone marked "Šun Lodge" by a tree and bench identifies the house.

Lytle said that when he first walked through her house in the '50s, he saw a tomahawk sitting on the kitchen table. Powers also left behind her books on Native American folklore. Lytle never met Powers, but keeps her tradition alive by conducting the storytelling at the Firecircle named in her honor.

"The stories include lessons on peace and generosity, and some are just entertain-



William Lytle presents Native American stories at the Firecircle.

just for fun," Lytle said.

He will be telling the stories, not reading them.

The Bird, Tree & Garden Club sponsors this event and all are welcome. The Firecircle is located creek side, below the east side of Thunder

ment stories that they told Bridge. It may be reached by the path next to the stream from Boys' and Girls' Club or from the ravine path at the north end of the bridge. An adult should accompany children younger than 12 years old. The rain location is Smith Wilkes Hall.

## Opera Guild looks ahead after a successful first golf tournament

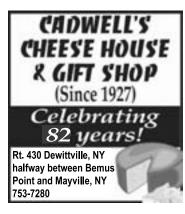
by Drew Johnson Staff writer

The First Annual Marcia Connolly Golf Outing, which occurred at the Chautaugua Golf Club on Aug. 8, was a rousing success, co-chairper-

son Hale Oliver said. The golf tournament was the brainchild of Hale and his wife, Judy — both members of the Chautauqua Opera Guild. The tournament culminated in a gala dinner, silent auction and live music.

"Despite the fact that we had a rainy start and a twohour delay, we were able to get in nine holes of golf," Oliver said. "We were able to award all the skill prizes, and the team competition went off very smoothly.

The tournament was in a "four-person scramble" format. Fifty-two golfers began the tournament and after the rain interrupted the play, around 47 finished the tournament, Oliver said. Skill prizes were awarded for 'longest drive" and "closest to the pin."





The real success, though, was the evening of festivities, Oliver said. The dinner was catered by Andriaccio's Restaurant, and diners were able to purchase tickets to just the gala. Those who played in the golf tournament had the gala ticket included in the cost of

"It was a great blend of opera lovers and golf lovers," Oliver said. "Sometimes all opera lovers are not golfers and all golfers are not opera lovers, so that was very successful."

For a first-time event, the tournament and gala went extremely smoothly, Oliver said, adding that the golf course staff and the caterers all did a tremendous job.

Oliver and the rest of the Opera Guild already are looking forward to next

their enrollment fee.

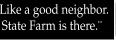
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year's tournament, which will be called, naturally, the Second Annual Marcia Connolly Golf Outing.

The tournament's primary purpose was to raise money for the Chautauqua Opera Young Artist program, yearly summer training program for young opera singers. The first annual golf tournament was very successful in raising funds, Oli-

has set a date for next year's tournament: Aug. 8, the same weekend of this year's tournament. The only change that Oliver wants to see for next year's tournament is in the weather.

"We're praying for sunny

The Opera Guild already

weather," he said.

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# From left to right, Laura Damon, Bijou Clinger Miller and Carl Badger rehearse "The Letter," a one-act play by David Zinman and Kay Kramer to be performed at 2 p.m. Saturday at Elizabeth S. Lenna Hall.

## Players present staged play reading

Group to act out two one-act works Saturday

by Beverly Hazen Staff writer

While the Chautauqua Theater Company program may be over for the 2009 Season, all theater at Chautauqua is not. Chautauqua Players will present staged readings of two one-act plays at 2 p.m. Saturday in Elizabeth S. Lenna Hall, and everyone is welcome, free of charge.

Staged readings are not final productions.

"This is a stage reading, and what it does is it gives the writer a chance to hear his words for the first time," said David Zinman, playwright and film historian. "Up to now, it is almost like a blueprint, words on a paper."

He said a staged reading is very helpful in developing a play because in some of the scenes, the lines do not quite sound the same as what the author intended.

"It is a wonderful way to develop a play, and then have the audience reaction in a talk-back," Zinman said.

What makes audience members unique at staged readings is that their feedback is critical to the process of pre-

The first play is "The Letter," by Zinman and Kay Kramer. It is about a female reporter who tries to make a citizen's arrest when she spots the district attorney speeding. Zinman said this play is back by popular demand with a new final scene.

paring a play for production.

The second play, "The Girl on the Silver Screen," by Zinman, is about an old man who lives in a fantasy world where he daydreams about a movie star he idolized. The roots of this play were from the 1985 performance of the "The Glass Menagerie," by what was then known as the Chautauqua Conservatory Theater Company.

Renowned actress Teresa Wright played mother Amanda Wingfield, and Zinman had the honor of interviewing her at Chautauqua.

"It was a dream come true," he said.

While speaking with her, Zinman expressed his unabashed devotion from her early career, to the present and to whatever her future might hold.

"She told me, 'You love the girl on the silver screen,

not me," Zinman said.

Wright said she was not the same person as the girl he saw in the movies, and that is what inspired Zinman's writing of "The Girl on the Silver Screen."

"Based on what seems to work here and what doesn't work, I'll be revising after the summer and going on from there," Zinman said. "I have been producing these staged readings for the past several years."

He said the one-act play presented at a staged reading last summer, "Mr. Know-it-All," was a finalist in the Tennessee Williams One-Act Play Contest in New Orleans. Two full-length plays first done at Chautauqua later had world premieres at state universities: "Who Killed the Kingfish" had its premiere at Louisiana State University. "Strom in Limbo" had its first production at the University of South Carolina Upstate.

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#### LECTURE

## Justice Kennedy analyzes civil, individual freedom

by Alice R. O'Grady Staff writer

It is difficult to give a single definition to the word "freedom," Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy said. "Definitions confine, but freedom must find new dimensions and discover new meaning."

Hitler and Stalin, he told the Amphitheater audience Thursday morning, tried to kill freedom.

Robinson Crusoe, when he was alone, was free to do what he wanted, but when one other came or millions came, the situation became more complex.

#### Two aspects of freedom

The first of Kennedy's few slides showed the U.S. Air Force Memorial in Washington, D.C. It consists of three white towers, each curving outward.

On the slide, one tower is labeled Civic Freedom and another Individual Freedom.

Kennedy said one can think of freedom in at least two ways. Individual freedom is easy to define, he said, as outlined in the Bill of Rights: the right to be free from government interference.

Generally, Americans are aware of their rights.

Civic freedom is a little more difficult to define, Kennedy said. The courts are not involved in it very much, and the people form a consensus. This presumes a virtuous, enlightened people.

Statesmen in ancient Greece concentrated on civic

Plato wrote of Socrates engaging in his dialogues in the marketplace where the community is. They are talking, listening, thinking, and exchanging ideas to form a consensus. And they are in the daylight, which, Kennedy said, is a metaphor for clarity.

Civic and individual freedoms are compatible, but they can attack each other. The Athenian Assembly ordered Socrates put to death for his beliefs and his teaching. That was a civic attack on his individual freedom.

Kennedy quoted a statement attributed to historian Edward Gibbon: "In the end, more than freedom, the Athenians wanted security."

Gibbon said that when the Athenians became most interested in freedom from responsibility, then all Athens ceased to be free.

Greek historian Polybius wrote of the separation of powers and checks and balances in the Roman system of government.

Kennedy said the fictional voice of Antigone has become real. She defied the edict that her brother should not be buried. Her conscience, compassion, and personal courage in the face of an unjust edict are admired, as are those of Joan of Arc and Rosa Parks.

The Greeks gave an early idea of the spirituality of human nature, he said.

#### **Stoicism**

Jefferson wanted to make a better translation of the work of the Greek stoic Epictetus. Kennedy said Stoicism sometimes is thought of as passivity or indifference: a tranquilized philosophy. But it has a more significant meaning: every person has a moral sensibility and can still vindicate his own human spirit. It is an affirmation of individual dignity, of inviolable personality, he said.

George Washington was influenced by the Stoic philosophy of Joseph Addison's play "Cato."

Under Roman law, a master owned the labor of the slave but not his personality, mind or spirit. The slave was a person.

Slavery came late to English and American common law, so lawyers and judges reached out for an analogy, and decided a slave was

Emancipation of slaves in the United States was more difficult than in other countries in the Western Hemishpere with a civil law tradition. The U.S. Supreme Court almost destroyed itself, Kennedy said, over the Dred Scott decision. This decision was fundamentally wrong, Kennedy said.

#### Roman law

In the early renaissance, it was Roman law that protected commerce and trade. This resulted in a burst of creativity, a result of Roman law.

When the Normans went to England they tried to bring Roman civil laws, but found that the shires made laws that were the custom and practice of the people. The law went from the people to the state.

The Magna Carta of 1215 affirms both civil and individual freedom. Article 39 states that the king is bound by the law. Liberty is man's natural right, as in the enlightenment.

Kennedy used a quote attributed to William Pitt: "The poorest man in his cottage may defy the forces of the king." The cottage may be frail, but the forces of the king could not cross the threshold.

So, Kennedy said, "he cannot invade my autonomy, my human personality."

In the early 1600s there was a confrontation between King James and Edward Coke, England's Lord Chief Justice. The king said, "The king is under no man.'

Coke responded, "The king is under no man but he is under God and the law."

#### American republic

The American republic began with the Declaration of Independence. Washington became the most famous man in the world. He displaced Isaac Newton, the poster boy for the enlightenment," Kennedy said.

People didn't understand Newton's essay on physics, but they could visualize the apple falling down. It was an emancipating idea that the human mind could understand.

"The Constitution has a Newtonian metaphor to it," Kennedy said. The framers had already written their state constitutions, and were good students of human behavior.

The difference between the English and American constitutions, said former British Prime Minister William E. Gladstone, was that the English constitution was grown, the American a thing that was made.

Gladstone said, American Constitution is, so far as I can see, the most wonderful work ever struck off at a given time by the brain and purpose of man."

American statesmen Alexander Hamilton, James Madison and John Jay were important political philosophers, Kennedy said. Their Federalist Papers, he said,

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U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy analyzes the idea of freedom through its civil and individual forms Thursday in the Amphitheater.

are among the finest treatises on the nature and principles of government.

The Declaration of Independence established the right of the U.S. to exist as a country and also established individual rights. It was designed to be read by the troops, Kennedy said; progressively "the more you read the madder you get."

The idea of federalism is a unique contribution of the framers. It's not just a matter of convenience, but has an ethical and moral component. They knew it was wrong to delegate so much power to a central government that the individual lost his rights.

The federal balance was changed by the Industrial Revolution, the Civil War, the federal income tax and the two World Wars, but it still has the core of ethical importance.

#### Third column

Kennedy asked what word to use for the third column of the Air Force Memorial.

He decided on "tolerance." It's sometimes considered a "namby-pamby" word, "ev-erybody's right." But, Kennedy said, it means we will judge each person and his or her ideas with respect, and weigh their merits.

#### Why talk of freedom?

First, Kennedy said, one has to understand and teach "The Constitution is yours and your children's." The U.S. president isn't the only one to preserve and

protect it, but everyone is.

The history of the meaning of freedom should be taught to show the rest of the world that freedom works, he said. The word is still out on that.

Kennedy gave examples of injustices people in some parts of the world suffer under dictatorial governments. "This we must change; then we will have discharged our duty as trustees," he said. "In the cause of freedom we still stand ready to pledge 'our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor.""



Just to begin, the last • three points that you made implied a certain amount of basics of economic justice. I find myself thinking about China in particular. What do you think about the arc of change? Is there an emergence of the rule of law in China ... do you believe there will be an emergence of the rule of law in China?

A. The verdict is really still out there. I try to go to China once a year to teach in the law schools, and when I began the students were really receptive. There's actually more academic freedom — a freer atmosphere in the universities than in other places. And the students would be very receptive to ideas of American law and justice. I noticed the last couple times I get this, the universal sign of resistance. And it's because they sense that they will be the first generation that can

be attorneys to make a lot of money, and they're not sure they want to change this. Our State Department for years has said you can't have economic freedom, an open economy and a closed political system, and I say this is a duality the Chinese can handle. It's very important. No one believes in communism anymore, so they're searching for a justification, a rational, an idea to justify their government, and the easiest one they can find is nationalism, which can quickly turn to xenophobia and can be very dangerous. Judges all over the world kind of check each other out, and the Chinese judges are anxious for more independence. The students in China are simply remarkable. They're very, very good, so good signs and bad signs. And I'm not enough of an expert to make a prediction and probably shouldn't.

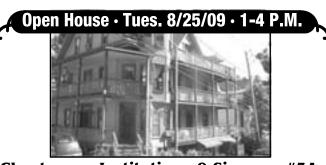
•What is the role of civility in the expression of

A.In the course we have the language of the law. It's very civil. The law, the course has a language, a grammar, a chronology, a tradition, a constraint, an ethic, etiquette, a decorum that's different than the political branches. It's not better, it's not worse; it's different, and I don't think it would be a very interesting and dynamic society if in our public discourse we always talked the way that lawyers and judges do. It has to be more dynamic than that. On the other hand when it becomes uncivil and becomes ugly, that tends to obscure rationality. Ronald Reagan was marvelous at this. Ronald Reagan had great respect, had great tolerance for other people. He was about as firm in his convictions as anyone you'll meet, but he was respectful of other people, but it's not for me really to tell other people how to talk. I think we lack civility and we can profit by having more of it. On the other hand, if I had a radio talk show I'd probably have about five listeners.

Believing that speech is • a fundamental freedom, how in this time of instantaneous, pervasive communication do we deal with speech that advocates violence and intolerance?

A. Well, in part, our problem is too much speech, isn't it? We have a problem in sorting it all out. Ît's pretty clear in the law that an incitement to violence is in itself a criminal act. On the other hand, they're just vague suggestions. I think a strong society, a decent society, an enlightened society can make it clear that this is improper and this is not acceptable. The answer to bad speech is good speech.

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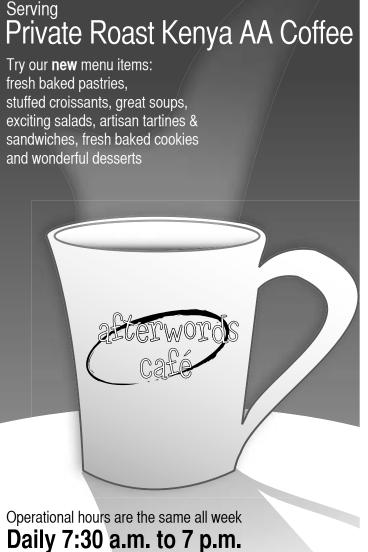
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'God works the night shift'

he term "24/7" means 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Chaplain Otis Moss III stressed in Thursday's sermon that the God we worship and serve is on duty our waking daytime hours and at night while

we sleep. As he has done each morning, Moss called upon his listeners to turn to one another, smile and say, "Neighbor, oh neighbor, God works the night shift."

To give context to the day's scripture reading, the chaplain offered a brief summary of the prior happenings among the Israelites. High Priest Eli's two wayward sons, Hophni and Phineas, turned the temple of God into a prosperity ministry where people came in hopes of materiel benefits.

"That's impossible," Moss said, "because happiness depends on what's happening. Goodness is a moral imperative. As God's people, we are called to live that moral imperative, no matter what's happening."

They came to buy happiness, not to practice goodness.

In Jewish tradition, he said, the sins of the individual become the responsibility of the community, and the people as a whole bear the consequences. Thus, the whole nation lost out in its war with the Philistines. The Ark of the Covenant, containing symbols of God's power, was captured in battle, and Israel's Philistine foes took it as a trophy into their idol's temple, Dagon.

The next morning, when Dagon's priest came into the temple, what should he find on the floor in front of the Ark but his idol. Mystified, he picked Dagon up and replaced him on his pedestal.

The same thing happened the next night, only worse. This time, Dagon's head and arms were broken off. This was too much for the Philistines. They loaded the Ark on a cart and sent it on its way back home to Israel.

These happenings were no mystery to the chaplain, he said, because "God works the night shift." Moss recalled a very comforting and theologically astute statement his sister made to him when they were huddled in a dark basement awaiting an approaching tornado.

"Otis," she said. "Don't you know that the same God who takes care of us during the day still takes care of us at night?"

When we think of tornados and other disasters, we think of New Orleans and Hurricane Katrina, Moss said. But how often do we recall that New Orleans is also the birthplace of jazz, that most democratic form of music? It blends many ethnic flavors and each instrumentalist has an opportunity to play solos.

When a staid, sophisticated New Yorker advised Moss that if only he would stand still and calm down, he'd be more easily understood, Moss responded that his tradition allows him to speak with passion and that it was his time to do a solo. He invited the critic to do a solo in his tradition.

When we remember that God works the night shift, Moss said, we can understand the woman who praised God when, though she'd lost all her material possessions in the hurricane, she'd survived, and now has her testimony of God's protective goodness that she can pass on to her children and grandchildren. We can understand the joy in Nelson Mandela's spirit when, after years of imprisonment, he was inaugurated president of South Africa.

"Let us remember," Moss said, "that God works the

Moss is senior pastor of Chicago's Trinity United Church of Christ. The Rev. Bruno Schroeder, member of the board of directors of the Chautauqua United Church of Christ Society, was liturgist. The Rev. Pat Collins, chaplain of the Metropolitan Community Fellowship, read I Samuel 5:1-5. The worship coordinator led the Motet Choir in David Schwoebel's setting of Philippians 1:3-6; 9-11, "An Expression of Gratitude," dedicated to the memory of Horace Boyer.

#### MOSS WRAPS UP SEASON



The Rev. Otis Moss III, senior pastor of Chicago's Trinity United Church of Christ, delivers Sunday's Morning Worship sermon in the Amphitheater. Moss concludes his Chautauqua chaplaincy today.

#### **Donald Van Wie**

Donald Van Wie, 83, Cheshire, Conn., passed away Nov. 20, 2008, at Masonicare in Wallingford, Conn. He was the husband of Phyllis J. (Reed) Van Wie.

Mr. Van Wie was born and raised in Randolph, N.Y., the son of the late Raymond and Lena (Gray) Van Wie. He and his family moved to Cheshire in 1975, having previously resided in Eden, N.Y. Since retirement the couple spent several months a year in Sarasota, Fla., attending the Chautaugua luncheon in pragenton each March with other family members.

A member of a sevengeneration Chautauqua family, Mr. Van Wie spent all his summers growing up at the Institution. He sold The Chautauguan Daily and later worked in the Daily office. In later years, he worked at the gates, which at that time were under the direction of his father, Raymond Van



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Wie, who worked for the In- and sports fan (Go Bills!) stitution from about 1915 to and was very involved in his the '70s, when he was in his late 80s.

Mr. Van Wie was a World War II Army veteran, at-University at Buffalo. He was a devoted Mason for more than 50 years and was a member of the Masonic Temple Lodge No. 16 A.F. and A.M. during his years in Cheshire. He was also a member of the Cheshire United Methodist Church.

He was an avid sportsman

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children's lives, volunteering for many organizations as a coach or committee member. Mr. Van Wie was an avid tended Syracuse University tennis player all his life. Foland graduated from the lowing a stroke a number of years ago, he played wheelchair tennis.

Being blessed with a beautiful tenor voice, he enjoyed singing, particularly in his church choir. In later years, he and his wife visited the family cottage for the final week of the season so that he could attend the Barbershop concert.

Besides his wife of 55 years, Mr. Van Wie is survived by three sons, Daniel of Pasadena, Calif., Douglas and his wife, Sharon, of Cheshire and Donald Jr. and his wife, Jessica, of South Windsor, Conn.; two daughters, Dawn Deganis and her husband, Sergio, of Cheshire, and Debra Govostes of N. Reading, Mass.; two sisters, Ramona Weissbard of Albany, N.Y., and Rita Finger of Niagara Falls, N.Y.; 11 grandchildren, Marisa, Ryan, Justin, Julie, Mark, John, Alexandra, Meghan, Marina, Nicky and Jake; two nephews, David Weissbard and Craig Finger; and two nieces, Judy Hanson and Lin Finger.

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Charles Haynes, author and co-author of six books on early American history, conducts a conversation with Colonial Williamsburg character-interpreters portraying Thomas Jefferson, played by Bill Barker (top), and George Mason, played by Mark Sowell (bottom).





## Haynes, founders share discussion on religion

by Judy Lawrence Staff writer

American patriot George Mason and former President Thomas Jefferson joined Charles Haynes, senior scholar of the First Amendment Center, Wednesday afternoon to address "From Toleration to Freedom." Mason was portrayed by Mark Sowell, Colonial Williamsburg characterinterpreter, and Jefferson was portrayed by character-interpreter Bill Barker.

"A great, great advocate of religious liberty, [former] Sen. Edward Kennedy, should be remembered today especially," Haynes said. "Whatever side of the political spectrum you're on, Sen. Kennedy was for all of us."

Kennedy died late Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2009.

Virginia was extremely important in the early years of independence, Haynes said. It was geographically the largest, richest, most populous and most powerful of the colonies. As a result,

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many founders and early presidents were Virginians.

The Great Awakening in Virginia, a time of heightened religious activity in the colonies, was the first American Revolution, Haynes said. It prepared the colonies to break away from the mother church and mother country.

"State-supported churches don't do very well," he said. "And that was true in Virginia."

The Church of England was a dying entity, he added.

Haynes focused on two founding documents drafted by Virginians in that environment in 1776 — the Virginia Declaration of Rights, one of the most influential documents in human history, he said, and the Declaration of Independence.

"These documents really define who we are as a people," Haynes said.

In 1776 Virginia declared independence from England and a month later the united colonies declared

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Haynes said committees were appointed to draft both documents, but "they ended up in both cases to be a committee of one." In Virginia, Mason drafted the Declaration of Rights, and Jefferson drafted the Declaration of Independence.

Imagine it is 1780, and, Haynes said, "we're going to hear directly now from the authors themselves." He asked how they went about writing these and how they shaped the understanding of and commitment to full religious freedom.

Mason spoke first. It is a basic principle, he said, "that man has an inherent right to be completely in participation with all the legislation that he is expected to follow." If a government acts in a way that is tyrannical the people have a duty to revolt.

In the 1770s parliament and ministers were trying to raise a tax on the provinces they did not have to pay themselves, he said.

"That was the beginning of some of many issues that sought to erode the rights that were given [to] us as Englishmen, the freest men on this

Those rights, Mason added, included the right to assemble, question government, petition the king and be involved in the legislation that concerns him.

After "the business that happened in Boston," Virginians finally realized they changed Boston's government and abrogated their

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charter with the king. Virginians were afraid of what else could happen. Precedent was important, Mason said, so Virginia was very much involved in what happened in Boston.

In 1774 Jefferson, Mason and others had the idea to have a day of prayer and fasting to protest what happened in Boston, but their request was denied. So they called for a general congress.

On the first day the 12 separate colonies came together. That they accomplished anything at all was incredible, Mason said.

Mason also said they were asked where Virginia stands on the question of independence.

"If I'm going to go into a fight, I want the biggest man on my side," he said.

Virginia's leadership was shown there. And Virginia took up the call, he said.

Then they formed a committee to make a declaration of people's rights, and Mason was quickly added to the committee. Thirty-three com-

mittee members showed up. Mason said he arrived with about 10 articles already written.

Every man had to somehow leave his mark, so every comma was debated, Mason said.

When the addition of "all men are born equally free and independent, have certain inherent natural rights," including the enjoyment of life and liberty with the means of possessing property, was presented, the argu-

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ments began, he said.

The majority wanted it approved as originally written, but a minority wanted Negros excluded from its protections. A qualifier was added to ban them, he said.

Near the end he added "no free government, or the blessings of liberty, can be preserved to any people but by a firm adherence to justice, moderation, temperance, frugality and virtue and by frequent recurrence to fundamental principles," he said. "This was and is instruction to the future."

It remained unchanged.

"The closest to my heart of all," he said, was an article on the freedom of religion. This was the first time in Western civilization that a man's right to worship by his conscience was codified.

Former President James Madison brought out a rewriting of this article in which he used the phrase "free exercise" and suggested removal of the established church. This was quickly set aside, Mason said, but as the debate continued the convention's president suggested religion can be directed only by reason and conviction, not by force.

"Therefore, all men are equally entitled to the free exercise of religion according to the dictates of conscience,' he said.

The goal of this declaration is for everyone to share basic rights including the right to relate to one's creator in his own manner. A final statement was added to the article that said, "It is the mutual duty of all to practice Christian forbearance, love and charity toward others," he said.

Jefferson told Mason "the very first public paper of great concern to the public body was that paper you put forth in 1776.'

Jefferson then asked whether people ever thought of how they focus on clothing and fashion.

"When it comes to fashion, swim with the current; when it comes to principle, stand firm like a rock," he said.

And people did, he added. The opportunity to freely offer one's opinions is a right given to people by nature and nature's God, Jefferson said. They boldly stood upon that principle in the spring of 1774, when they requested a day of prayer and fasting that was denied. Boston would suffer, and the same could happen in other colonies. They sought a way to express themselves and found a way by calling for a congress.

At the congress, Jefferson brought a pamphlet he printed that contained a summary of rights granted to Great Britain's subjects, he said. Jefferson fell ill and could not attend, but he gave copies to former Virginia Gov. Patrick Henry and his cousin, Randolph. They distributed it at the first congress.

When he returned to Vir-

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ginia, Randolph said many approached him to inquire about the pamphlet's author.

"Please inform Mr. Iefferson that he has become well known as an author even in his absence," Randolph was told.

In 1775 Jefferson was elected to attend the second grand congress, he said, and there he learned about the atrocities in Lexington and Concord. With that news of force and violence, "we are now finding ourselves in the midst of a frenzy of retaliation," and it was "time to cross the Rubicon."

An army formed from the colonies' militias, and first U.S. President George Washington was appointed general. Jefferson was asked to draft a pamphlet, he said, titled Necessity of Taking Up Arms.

The next year, in 1776, he went to the second congress in Philadelphia. At that time, Virginia became the first to declare independence and a similar resolution was introduced in Philadelphia. A recess was called to consider the resolution. In the interim, a five-person committee was created to draft a Declaration of Independence in case it became necessary, Jefferson said.

Jefferson added that former President John Adams suggested, "A Virginian needs to be at the head of this business."

He began drafting a declaration, and it took him three days to create the first draft.

When the congress reassembled on June 28, copies of his draft were made and placed on the desks. On July 2 they took the vote for independence, but it was not unanimous. For the next two days it was argued and debated, he said.

"I was offended that my document was somewhat mutilated," he added.

Some people were concerned that the Almighty had hardly been referred to, so the phrase, "nature and nature's God," was added, he said.

The declaration composed of three parts: the prologue, the united agreement on certain issues and "the epilogue, [which] sealed the contract."

"There was not one new or original thought in the declaration," he said.

Everything in it was previously written, argued and debated. Their work was to explain their thoughts in clear and simple terms.

"Now you know perhaps a little better how we moved from toleration to free exercise," Haynes said. "We moved it from here to there because young Jimmy Madison made that amendment."

Free exercise is rooted in the phrase that all human beings are born with certain inalienable rights, he said, and first among these must be freedom of conscience.

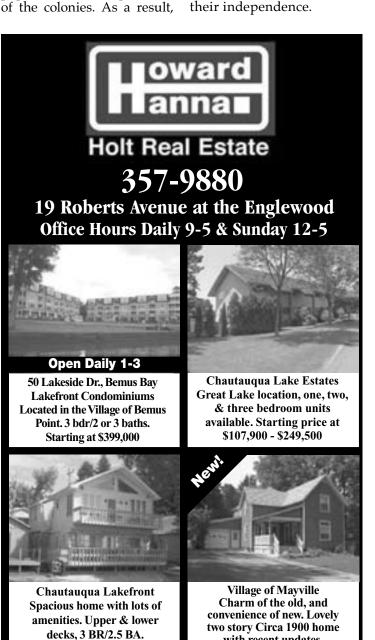
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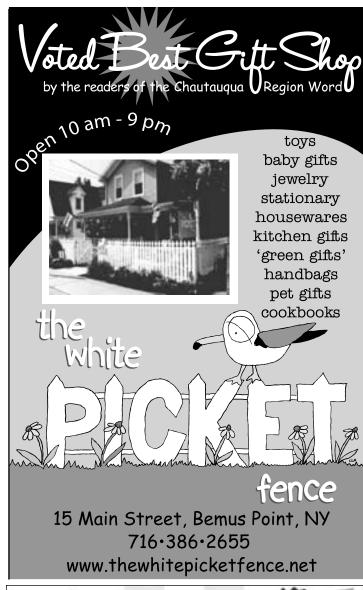






















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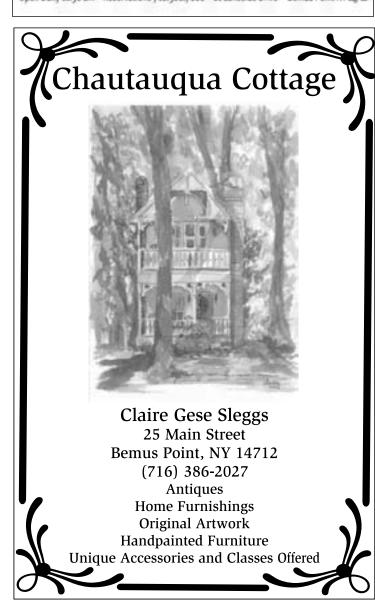
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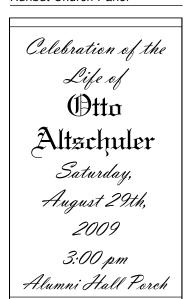
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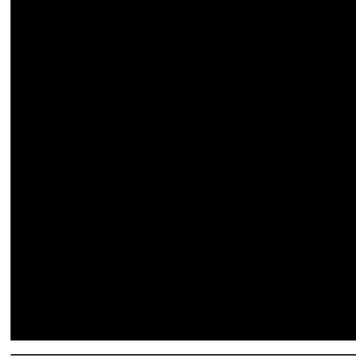
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#### COMMUNITY

## Chautauquan Wolfe's photos featured at Space Center

#### Exhibit features photos taken from Chatuauqua

by Beverly Hazen Staff writer

Chautauquans interested in astronomy traveling near the Kennedy Space Center in Florida will have an opportunity to connect to Chautauquan Ted Wolfe and his passion for both photography and astronomy. The "Amateur Astronomer Ted Wolfe Exhibit" is showing at the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex and is scheduled to be there through December.

"This is in conjunction with the new 'Eye' on the Universe: The Hubble Space Telescope,' an exhibition celebrating the science of one of the greatest telescopes ever built," according to a press release from Kennedy Space Center on Oct. 2, 2008. "Wolfe's powerful images of celestial objects, taken from his observing site in Naples, Fla., are similar in comparison to high-resolution Hubble images taken 350 miles above Earth.

Wolfe

"Featuring 32 pieces of Wolfe's photography, the exhibit will run through the 2009 International Year of Astronomy, a year dedicated to raising scientific awareness and celebrating astronomy's contributions to society."

The exhibit was scheduled to run between August

2008 and December 2009. "Maybe longer," Wolfe said. The press release refers to "the dramatic images of photographer and amateur astronomer Ted Wolfe .. taken from the ground, but [producing] the same aweinspiring images of colliding galaxies, supernovas and dying stars."

Wolfe and his wife, Nancy, live on North Lake Drive in Chautaugua from mid-May to mid-October and spend winters in Florida. This way they conveniently avoid the cloudy season in Florida, when skies are not conducive for viewing stars, and enjoy the Chautauqua season.

Wolfe has been interested in astronomy for more than 40 years.

"I can always blame my wife," Wolfe affectionately said.

Early in their marriage, the Wolfes were living in





A close-up of the sun's surface is seen here in a photo from Ted Wolfe's Kennedy Space Center exhibit.

Cincinnati, Ohio. They took a walk through Ault Park one evening and saw a group of people from a local astronomy club looking up at the sky. Wolfe said Nancy was more curious than he, wanting to stop and ask what they were looking at. Before long, they were invited to view the stars through the telescope.

"Seeing Saturn was an incredible sight — a gold ball inside a gold ring," Wolfe said. "I was hooked."

Due to the light pollution here on the grounds during the season, Wolfe does not look at the night sky at Chautauqua, but he does conduct solar photography with a solar telescope. His exhibit at Kennedy Space Center includes some solar

photographs taken from Chautauqua, but he said about 95 percent of the photographs are from Naples.

The press release explains some details of the process: "Wolfe's technique involves photographing deep-space objects using a Charged-Coupled Device (CCD) camera located in his backyard on a Naples golf course. This type of camera is also used on the Hubble Space Telescope. Other techniques used by Wolfe include taking a series of extended exposures, sharp focusing and tracking with a guide star."

Wolfe said people are welcome to view his website at www.tedwolfe.com for a full "gallery" of his work.

#### **CHECKMATE**

Photo by Katie **Former President Thomas** Jefferson (Bill Barker) and Jefferson's manservant **Jupiter** (Richard Josey) perform a scene where **Jefferson** teaches Jupiter to play chess. The play was part of Wednesday's morning lecture in the Amphitheater.



## Chautauquan to publish book on musical theater greats

by Gail Burkhardt Staff writer

Chautauquan Herbert Keyser is a man of many talents. He delivers babies, makes lemon tarts, lectures, acts, sings and writes books.

Keyser has used his varied skills to research and write a 28-chapter anthology on composers and lyricists. "Geniuses of the American Musical Theatre: The Composers and Lyricists" will be released Oct. 1.

"About five years ago, I was reading and realized that there were many, many books out about all of the great composers and lyricists over the years, but there wasn't any anthology about all of them," he said. "I decided that's what I'll do."

Keyser read multiple biographies about each songwriter and condensed all of the information to fit into one chapter.

"There's some that are inspiring because of what they had to overcome to achieve what they did," he said. "There's some whose work is so gorgeous even though they may have been miserable people. You can't help but be impressed by them."

The composers range from Jerome Kern, the World War I era composer of "Show Boat," to Stephen Sondheim, composer and lyricist for "Sweeney Todd," which was released in 1979.

Most of the chapters feature just one composer or

lyricist, but a few feature composers and lyricists who always worked together.

There is one chapter for Candor and Ebb, who wrote "Cabaret" and "Chicago," and another chapter for Rodgers and Hammerstein, who wrote "Carousel," "South Pacific" and "The Sound of Music." Consequently, the president of The Rodgers & Hammerstein Organization wrote the book's foreword.

Along with the opportunity to learn more about through Latin America and musical theater composers and lyricists, Keyser's work on the book has allowed him to travel the world while performing and lecturing about songs from musical theater.

As he was writing the book, he realized he could use his musical theater experience from college to depict his subjects' "wildly crazy" lives.

"After about a year I thought to myself, you know, I could tell these stories too," he said. "I could perform these stories, tell the stories, sing the songs and revert back to my 50-year quick aside [from my] show business career."

Keyser contacted several cruise companies to sell his idea and finally one gave him a chance.

"The results were so spectacular, the ratings that they were getting from passengers, that now my wife and I go constantly lecturing to people," he said.

He also performs lectures and shows on land with Bett Butler, San Antonio jazz pianist and vocalist.

It seems that Keyser never stops. He still is a practicing physician, having delivered more than 8,000 babies in his more than 50-year career. This year, he will travel the country performing and doing book signings in the fall. In winter, he and his wife will cruise for three months Africa. When he returns, Keyser will do a few more shows with Butler until he comes back to Chautauqua Institution, he said. On top of that, he is writing again.

"The publisher was so excited about the material they've had me for the past year working on my sixth book, which is the sequel to this," he said. "And the sequel will be the geniuses that were the performers."

## Kullbergs integrate into their lives the four pillars of Chautauqua

by Jessica Hanna Staff writer

Chautauqua has expanded from its religious founding over the past 135 years to revolve around the four central pillars of art, education, religion and recreation. For longtime Chautauquans Jim and Judy Kullberg, these have become pillars of value in their own lives.

The Kullbergs first came to Chautauqua in the 1980s, persuaded by friends Joan and Bob Battaglin. They found themselves among many visitors from Corning, N.Y, with whom they developed a close affinity. They have enjoyed connecting with these community friends even after retiring to North Carolina.

In addition to the close group of Corning friends, the Kullbergs fell in love with the diverse programming Chautauqua offers. They gradually became more involved each season, participating as well as observing. They have incorporated each pillar to optimize their Chautauqua experience each summer.

"We love all of the four pillars of Chautauqua. We value them very highly," Judy said.



"[For] each one of the pillars we have things that we do or things that we love about it."

She added that while they greatly enjoy the morning religious service and afternoon lecture, it is their involvement in the Presbyterian House that has gotten them most involved in Chautauqua. They participate with several other couples from Corning, all who attended the same church.

Judy designed the database for keeping track of Presbyterian House guests. Jim has been the treasurer for the last eight years and has served on the board even longer.

"It gives us an unusual opportunity, both for meeting people and just participating in Chautauqua," Jim said. Another passion the Kull-

bergs share is a love of the arts, especially music. They attend nearly every Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra concert and enjoy the chamber music and piano competition. They also participate in the Chautauqua Connections program. They have had students for the past several years that they have gotten to know and love, Judy said.

Recreation is yet another pillar the Kullbergs identify with. Both are avid golfers, making time to play before and after the summer season. Judy also serves on the golf board of governors. They have a grandson who also enjoys recreation on the grounds, attending Boys' Club.

The Kullbergs can boast a solid grounding in education at Chautauqua. Both are members of the Class of 1998 Chautauqua Literary & Scientific Circle. Jim serves as class treasurer, and Judy designed the database for Alumni Hall to keep track of CLSC alumni. In addition to this work,



Photo by Roger J. Coda

Jim and Judy Kullberg

Jim serves on the Alumni Hall Finance Committee.

After building a house on the grounds in 1998, the Kullbergs have been able to share their fervor for the Institution by hosting a variety of guests, including their daughter, son and three grandsons.

The Kullbergs' devotion to the grounds also has prompted them to include Chautauqua as a beneficiary of their Individual Retirement Account (IRA).

"Hopefully we've got a lot more years, but we've already enjoyed Chautauqua for 20 years and we want to pass it on for people who are still coming," Jim said. "Hopefully our home will stay in our family, and to keep the value of the home up you've got to

support the Institution. ... We thought we had to do our part to carry on the heritage."

For more information about making a planned gift for the benefit of Chautauqua Institution, contact Karen Blozie, Chautauqua Foundation director of Gift Planning, at (716) 357-6244 or e-mail kblozie@ chautauquafoundation.org.

#### PROGRAM

#### Friday, August 28

- 7:00 (7:00-11:00) Farmers Market.
- 7:45 Episcopal Holy Eucharist. The Rev. Nancy Roth, Diocese of Ohio. Chapel of the Good Shepherd
- 8:00 Morning Meditation. (Sponsored by Unity of Chautauqua.) Hall of Missions
- 8:45 Catholic Mass. Chapel of the Good Shepherd
- (8:55-9) Chautauqua Prays for Peace. Hall of Philosophy Grove
- 9:00 Nature Walk. (Programmed by the Chautaugua Bird, Tree & Garden Club) Jack Gulvin, BTG naturalist. Meet under green awning on the lake side of Smith Wilkes Hall
- 9:00 (9:00-10:15) **Men's Club.** Henry (Van) McConnon, owner, Chautauqua Suites, Food is Good, Inc. Women's Club
- 9:15 DEVOTIONAL HOUR. The Rev. Otis Moss III, pastor, Trinity United Church of Christ, Chicago. Amphitheater
- 10:15 Service of Blessing and Healing. UCC Chapel
- 10:45 LECTURE. "Liberty's Hurdles in the 21st Century." Ambassador William H. Luers, former president, United Nations Association of the U.S.A. Amphitheater
- 12:10 Catholic Mass. Chapel of the Good Shepherd
- 12:15 (12:15-1:15) **Brown Bag** Lunch/Lecture. (Programmed by the Writers' Center) "History for Contemporary Writers." Fred Setterberg, prose writer-in-residence. Alumni Hall porch.
- 12:15 (12:15-1:30) **Brown Bag** Lunch/Support Meeting. (Sponsored by Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays and the Metropolitan Community Church) All are welcome. Chautauqua Women's Club
- 12:45 Chautauqua Catholic Community Seminar. "Family Systems Theory: A New Way of Understanding Relationships." Rev. Robert J. Perelli, CJM,

president and founder, The Center for Family Systems Theory, Buffalo, N.Y. Methodist House Chapel

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- 2:00 INTERFAITH LECTURE **SERIES.** "Does the First Amendment Work Today? A Jewish-Christian-Muslim Dialogue." Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf, CEO and founder, American Society for Muslim Advancement, in conversation with the Rev. Oliver "Buzz" Thomas and Rabbi Samuel Stahl. Hall of Philosophy
- 2:00 Public Shuttle Tours of Grounds. Leave from Main Gate Welcome Center. Fee.
- 3:30 Dance Lecture. "Shakespeare Dances, Part II." Bonnie Crosby, presenter. (Programmed by the Chautauqua Dance Circle). Smith Wilkes Hall
- Chautauqua Heritage 3:30 Lecture Series. "Five More Giants of Chautauqua." Speakers: George Snyder, Jane Becker, Nancy Bargar, Butch Briggs, and Woody. Hall of Christ

4:00 Public Shuttle Tours of Grounds, Leave from Main Gate Welcome Center. Fee.

- 4:15 Native American Storytelling. (Programmed by the Chautauqua Bird, Tree & Garden Club) William Lytle. Mabel Powers Firecircle (rain location, Smith Wilkes Hall). Children under 12 accompanied by adult.
- 4:30 "Science in the Streets." Carnegie Science Center program for children. Bestor Plaza
- 5:00 (5-5:45) **Hebrew Congregation Evening Service.** "Kabbalat Shabbat: Welcome the Sabbath." Service led by Julie Newman. Miller Bell Tower (Pier Building in case of rain)
- (6-7:45) Chautauqua Choir Rehearsal. All singers welcome. (Two rehearsals required to sing at Sunday worship services.) Elizabeth S. Lenna Hall
- 8:15 SPECIAL. An Evening with Sara Evans. Amphitheater

#### Saturday, August 29

- 7:00 (7:00–11:00) Farmers Market. 8:45 Catholic Mass. Chapel of
- the Good Shepherd 9:00 Peace Pole Pilgrimage. (Sponsored by Chautauqua
- Society for Peace and Social Justice). Meet on Mina Edison Avenue on the North End and proceed to South End, with narration along the way. 12:00 (12:00-2:30) Social Bridge.
- (Programmed by the Chautauqua Women's Club) For men and women. Women's Club
- 2:00 Staged reading. "Duo." Two original one-act plays by David Zinman & Kay Kramer. Lenna Hall
- 2:00 Public Shuttle Tours of **Grounds.** Leave from Main Gate Welcome Center. Fee.
- 5:00 Catholic Mass. Hall of Philosophy
- 6:00 (6-7:45) Chautauqua Choir Rehearsal. All singers welcome. (Two rehearsals required to sing at Sunday worship services.) Elizabeth S. Lenna Hall

8:15 SPECIAL. Elvis Costello and The Sugarcanes. Amphitheater

#### Sunday, August 30

- 7:45 Episcopal Holy Eucharist. The Rev. Ethan Cole, Diocese of Western NY. Chapel of the Good Shepherd
- 8:30 Songs, Prayers, Communion & Meditation. Hurlbut Church
- 8:45 United Church of Christ Worship Service. UCC Randell Chapel
- 9:00 Episcopal Holy Eucharist. The Rev. Ethan Cole, Diocese of Western NY. Chapel of the Good Shepherd
- 9:15 Catholic Mass. Hall of Christ
- 9:30 Services in Denominational Houses.
- 9:30 Unitarian Universalist Service. "Breathing and the Butterfly." The Rev. Daniel Budd, Cleveland, Ohio. Hall of Philosophy
- 9:30 Unity Service. "Living on Fire." The Rev. Ron Neff. Poinciana, Fla. Hall of Missions
- 9:30 Christian Science Service. Christian Science Chapel

9:30 Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) Service. Octagon Building

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- 2:30 CONCERT. U.S. Air Force Liberty Big Band. Amphitheater
- 3:00 National Public Radio "Music from Chautauqua" Broadcast. Chautauqua Wind Quintet. Françaix: Quintet. Audubon Quartet; Eli Eban, clarinet. Brahms: Clarinet Quintet in B minor. Tune to WNED 94.5 FM
- Massey Memorial Organ Children's Encounter. Jared Jacobsen, organist. Amphitheater stage
- 7:00 Palestine Park Program. 'A Journey Through Biblical Times." Palestine Park 8:00 SACRED SONG SERVICE.
- "And Leave My Heart Its Song" Final Chautauqua Thoughts. Amphitheater CLOSING THREE TAPS **OF THE GAVEL. Thomas** Becker, president, Chautauqua Institution.

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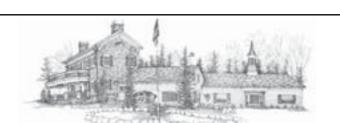


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