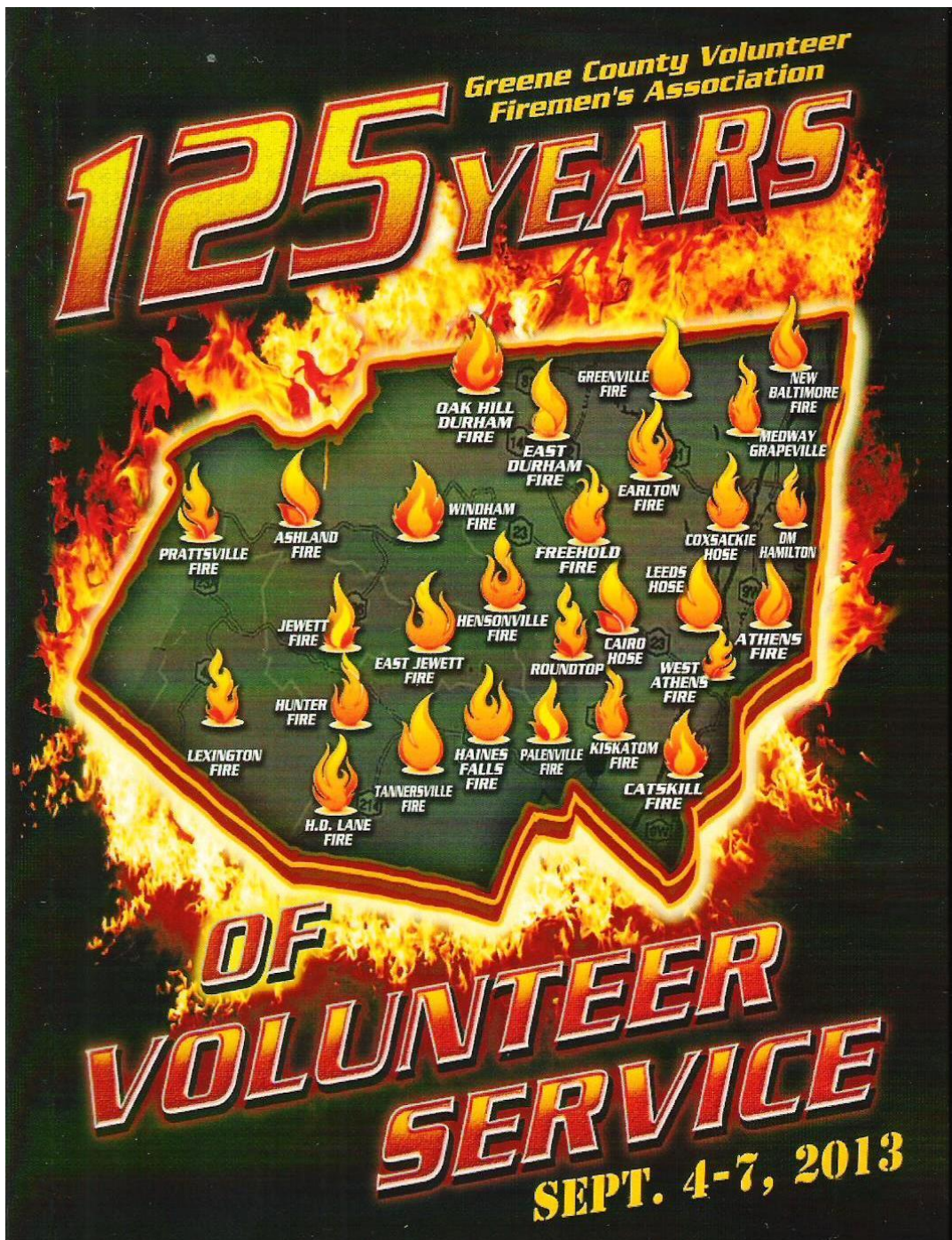




THE BOOSTER LINE

A NEWSLETTER DEDICATED TO GREENE COUNTY FIRE VOLUNTEERS

2013 Convention supplement



As another year has closed, the Officers of the Greene County Volunteer Firemen's Association and Ladies Auxiliary, and their membership, would like to thank the Catskill Fire Company and Ladies Auxiliary for being such fine hosts for the 125th Annual Convention of the Greene County Volunteer Fireman's Association. The Booster Line would like to thank the following for contributing photos: Chuck Adsit; Tim Albright; John Balling; Tammy Hendricks; Amy Hodor; John Miller, and Melissa Vail.

GCVFA LADIES AUXILIARY ANNUAL MEETING:

Tuesday September 3 marked the opening of the convention with the GCVFALA Annual meeting. Copnvention Chairman Harold Rivenburgh of Catskill welcomed the ladies and turned the Gavel of Authority over to Catherine Johnson (Medway-Grapeville), 1st VP of GCVFALA. It was decided to again hold the annual pepperoni sale in the fall, as well as Nancy Ferretti, was busy selling Daily Drawing tickets. The support of the membership is appreciated on both. Several new ideas were presented to raise funds which include a Nickel Social and a "Bakelss Bake Sale". Pam Wrigfht (Catsjkill) will handle both and any member interested in helping is encouraged to contact her. The main part of the meeting was the annual nomination and election of officersd. Chairwoman Nancy Ferretti proposed the following slate for 2014:

President – Catherine Johnson

(Medway-Grapeville)

1st VP – Dawn Palmateerr (Athens)

2nd VP – Amber Hunlock (Haines Falls)

Recording Secretary – Debra Miller (Haines Falls)

Financvial Secretary – Nikki Hodor (D M Hamilton)

Treasurer -Catherine Spring (Palenville)

Asd there were no nominations from the floor, electionsd were closed. GCVFA President Steve Salluyce than predated over the installation of officers. As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed and the women enjoyed refreshments and social interaction.



LADIES AUXILIARY DINNER:

With the business portion of the convetnion done, on Wednesday September 4, the ladies had the opportunity to sit back and relax while men waited on them. The annual dinner began wiuth a cocktail hour at 6pm, followed by a sit-down dinner. The menu included the choice of NY Strip Steak or Stuffed Chicken Breast with a garden salad with balsamic vinaigrette dressing, sautéed mushrooms, potato, green beans, corn, roll, and dessert prepared by Freese's Catering. After dinner a few brief presentations were made. Linda Overbaugh (Catskill) and Pam Fancher (Cairo) were honored for 25 years of service to the county and received pins for such. The East Durham Ladies Auxiliary, and members Diane Sala, Dottie Jennings and Dorothy Wood were honored for their 40 years of service to LAFASNY. After the formalities were done, the ladies sat back for some entertainment from Elvis Presley, Roy Orbison and "Fatsy" Kline (all AKA Zing-a-Grams).



GCVFA DINNER/MEMORIAL SERVICE & ANNUAL MEETING:

With the formalities of the ladies done with, Thursday, September 5 began convention festivities for the firefighters. Dinner at firehouse started at 5pm and was served till 7pm.



Once dinner was over, the evening took on a somber and reflective theme. As the sun set at 7:30pm, the annual **MEMORIAL SERVICE** began. Paul Overbaugh, President of the Catskill Fire Company welcomed all those in attendance. Pastor Gary Beers from Crosspoint Wesleyan Church gave the invocation which was followed by the Presentation of Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Rick Snowden briefly spoke with a Memorial Message and all took a moment to reflect on his words. The last call for departed members was read by GCVFA Chaplain Fred VanLoan. The bell rang once as each name was called aloud and a representative placed a memorial flower in the giant Maltese Cross. Lastly, a flower was placed by GCVFA President Steve Salluce and GCVFALA President Catherine Johnson in memory of all departed members.

Athens Fire Dept – Lewis Sopris, David Whiteman & Henry Yost

Cairo Fire Dept – Michael Donahue Jr

Coxsackie Hose #3 – John Wiedel

D. M, Hamilton – Paul Roeben

East Durham Vol. Fire Co – L Russell Cole, Raymond Cooke & Steve Walsh

Freehold Fire Co – Steve "Bill" Kornell

Greenville Fire Dept – Raymond Gibbons

Haines Falls Fire Co – Joseph Morabito

Hunter Fire Co – Christopher Jaekel, Ralph Marino Sr & Orville Slutzky

Kiskatom Fire Dept – Oliver Palmer

Oak Hill Durham Fire Dept – Robert Elpel

Palenville Fire Dept – Edward Henne Sr

Prattville Hose Co – Basil Becker, Edward Breinerd Sr & Donald Olson

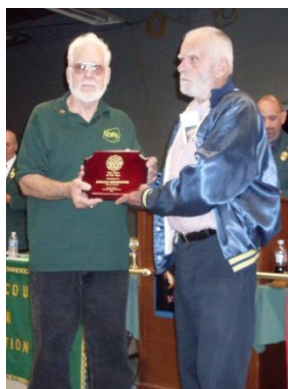
RoundTop Fire Dept – Carl Lawrence & Harry Rosenkranz

Windham Hose Co – Robert Bosworth



Following a brief moment of silence, Pastor Beers gave the Benediction.

The **ANNUAL MEETING** began at approximately 8:00 pm following the Memorial Service. Convention Co-chair Harold Rivenburgh called the meeting to order with the presentation of the colors by the Catskill Fire Co. Color Guard. After the Pledge of Allegiance, he welcomed all to the convention and turned the gavel of authority over to GCVFA President Steve Salluce. Several reports were presented to the meeting including:



Gary Koopman, President of the Greene County Fire Police, read a Proclamation naming Donald Berkhofer, as the 2013 Fire Police Officer of the Year. He was presented with a plaque in honor of this achievement.

Kevin Lennon, Chairman of the annual ski competition, read the names of the winners in Downhill Skiing and Snowboarding and presented trophies to the winners.

The quarterly attendance awards were won by Cocksackie Hose #3 (1st & 4th) and Athens Volunteer Fire Dept (2nd & 3rd). Thank you to all county members for participating and attending the meetings.

Robert Schrader, Chairman of the GCVFA/LA Scholarship Award committee announced the following as this year's recipients:

Cairo-Durham High School	Raymond Squires
Catskill High School	David Killinger
Cocksackie-Athens High School	James King
Gilboa-Conesville High School	Ashleigh Jaeger
Greenville High School	Michael Schonning
Hunter-Tannersville High School	Bridget Osborn
Margaretville High School	Samantha Bouton
Ravena-Coeymans High School	Peyton VanAlystne
Windham-Ashland-Jewett High School	Russell Pelham
Doane Stuart School	Jeremiah Cole

Congratulations to all and good luck in college.

Financial Secretary George Stacey had the honor of announcing three GCVFA members who have achieved 50 years of firefighting service to Greene County. Congratulations to Richard Overbaugh (Catskill Fire Company); Robert Carl (Greenville Volunteer Fire Company) and Robert Owens (Palenville Volunteer Fire Department). Each gentleman received a token in honor of the milestone.



The highlight of the evening was the naming of the 2013 Firefighter of the Year. The winner this was Eric Hulbert of the East Durham Fire Company. Eric received this honor for his heroic efforts at the scene of an auto accident. In addition to fellow members of the East Durham Fire Company being present was Eric's family: Step-father & mother Scott & Joann Powell; Tara Hulbert and father & step-mother Scott & Becky Hulbert. Congratulations Eric and thank you for your unselfish efforts.



In addition, Certificates of Appreciation were given to the following for responding to Long Island for several days after the destruction of Sandy: Athens - Peter Alberti, Buddy Williams, Cory Brady & Doug Sanford, Jr.; East Durham - Carl Sala, Jr.; Greenville - Frank Boertlin, Cliff Powell, Andrew Johannson, Brian Tumej & Andrew Scirico; Cairo - John Buckley, Sean Rose & Christian Prapolsky-Sauer; Leeds - John Elliot; Catskill - Bob Wade, Pat McCullough & Craig Turczyn; West Athens - Tim Farrell, James Murphy & Chris Hendricks, and Medway Grapeville - Ken Fava, Matt Marlow & Patrick Christiana.

Soon, it was time for the annual election of officers. The following were nominated & elected to serve:

President – PJ Pugsley (Cairo Hose Co)
1st Vice President – John J Farrell (west Athens Fire Co)
2nd Vice President – John Darling III (Catskill Fire Co)
Recording Secretary – Phyllis Dinkelacker (Athens Fire Dept)
Financial Secretary – George Stacey (Athens Fire Dept)
Treasurer – Harold Rivenburgh (Catskill Fire Dept)





MARDI GRAS:

With all the serious business of the convention closed, Friday September 6 saw a time for fun and festivity with the Mardi Gras parade. The theme this year was ***Then, Now and Forever***, Line-up included:

Greene County Royal Order of the Blue Vests
Catskill Fire Company and Ladies Auxiliary
Athens Volunteer Fire Department
Medway Grapeville Fire Company
East Durham Volunteer Fire Company
Cairo Fire Dept
Hensonville Hose Company
Kiskatom Fire Department

Palenville Fire Department
Greenville Fire Department
Coxsackie Hose Co. No. 3
Cornell Hook and Ladder (New Baltimore)
Haines Falls Fire Company
D.M. Hamilton Steamer Co. No. 2, Coxsackie
Leeds Hose Co. No. 1
West Athens Fire Company





CONVENTION DRESS PARADE:

As a new day dawned, so too did the conclusion of the annual convention begin. On Saturday September 7, apparatus judging was done prior to the Dress Parade at the Catskill Elementary School on Embough Road. Trucks began arriving at 9:30 am and at 11:30, a horn sounded signaling the end of preparation and judging would begin.



After the truck judging, units started to assemble in Jefferson Heights for the dress parade. Line up went from the car wash and went the distance of Jefferson Heights. Each unit marched proudly down Main Street and then across the Uncle Sam bridge to breakup behind Cone-Island. The parade consisted of:

ESCORT DIVISION

- Parade Grand Marshall, Robert Darling (Catskill F.D. 74 year member)
- Greene County Volunteer Fireman's Association & Ladies Auxiliary Officers
- Elected Government Officials
- Catskill Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary Grand Marshalls, Lois Young and Joyce June
- E-1 Greene County Sheriff's Department
- E-2 Catskill Fire Company, Inc. and Ladies Auxiliary led by Yankee Doodle Band
- E-3 Sparrowbush Fire Department
- E-4 Athens Volunteer Fire Department w/Drum Line
- E-5 West Athens-Limestone Fire Company & Auxiliary
- E-6 J.W. Hoystadt Hose Co. No. 8 w/Drum Line & Ladies Auxiliary
- E-7 Saugerties Fire Department
- E-8 D.M. Hamilton Steamer Co. No. 2 w/Drum Line & Ladies Auxiliary
- E-9 Centerville- Cedar Grove Fire District
- E-10 Napanach Fire Company & Ladies Auxiliary

FIRST DIVISION

- Parade Division Grand Marshall Robert Overbaugh (50 year member)
- 1-1 Civil Air Patrol Color Guard
- 1-2 Cairo Hose Company and Ladies Auxiliary led by Capital District Marching Band
- 1-3 Windham Hose Co. No. 1
- 1-4 Greenville Fire Company led by Fife and Drum Band
- 1-5 Hensonville Hose Company
- 1-6 Kiskatom Fire Department led by Ghent VFW Band
- 1-7 Town of Lexington Fire Company
- 1-8 Prattsville Hose Company & Ladies Auxiliary
- 1-9 Palenville Fire Department & Ladies Auxiliary led by Tarrytown VFW Drum and Bugle Corp
- 1-10 Westerlo Fire Company

SECOND DIVISION

- Parade Division Grand Marshall Henry Coons (50 year member)
- 2-1 Catskill American Legion Post 110 Color Guard
- 2-2 Coxsackie Hose Co. No. 3 & Ladies Auxiliary led by Coxsackie Gospel Community Church
- 2-3 Ashland Fire Department
- 2-4 Coeymans Fire Company No. 1 w/Drum Line & Ladies Auxiliary
- 2-5 H. D. Lane Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.
- 2-6 Earlton Fire Department & Ladies Auxiliary
- 2-7 East Greenbush Fire Company led by Red Caps Marching Band
- 2-8 Hunter Fire Company
- 2-9 East Durham Volunteer Fire Company & Ladies Auxiliary led by Knox Fire Dept. Drum Corp
- 2-10 Ravena Hose Company

THIRD DIVISION

- Parade Division Grand Marshall Richard Overbaugh (50 year member)
- 3-1 Color Guard
- 3-2 Oak Hill - Durham Volunteer Fire Company & Ladies Auxiliary
- 3-3 Cornel Hook and Ladder w/Drum Line & Ladies Auxiliary
- 3-4 Round Top Fire Company
- 3-5 Medway Grapeville Fire Company
- 3-6 Haines Falls Fire Company & Ladies Auxiliary led by band
- 3-7 Grand Gorge Fire Department
- 3-8 Leeds Hose Co. No. 1 led by Amtrak Police Pipe Band
- 3-9 Freehold Fire Company
- 3-10 Tannersville Fire Department





TROPHIES AWARDED

BEST OVERALL MUSICAL UNIT

1ST Tarrytown Drum & Bugle Corps

2nd Ghent VFW Band

BEST OVERALL DRUM LINE

Cornell Hook and Ladder (New Baltimore)

BEST FIREMATIC COLOR GUARD

1ST Palenville Fire Department

2nd Athens Fire Department

3rd Cornell Hook & Ladder

BEST NON-FIREMATIC COLORGUARD

1ST Tarrytown Drum & Bugle Corps

2nd Greene County Sherriff's Dept

BEST APPEARING UNIT - 5 to 8 in line

Oak Hill Durham Volunteer Fire Company

BEST APPEARING UNIT - 9 to 15 in line

1ST West Athens Limestreet

2ND Haines Falls Fire Company

3RD Earlton Fire Department

BEST APPEARING UNIT - 16 to 24 in line

1ST D.M. Hamilton Co. #2

2nd Kiskatom Fire Department

3rd Cairo Hose Company

BEST APPEARING UNIT- 25 and over in line

1ST Palenville Fire Department

2nd Athens Volunteer Fire Department

BEST APPEARING AUXILIARY– 5 to 7 in line

1ST East Durham Volunteer Fire Company

2nd Greenville Fire Department

BEST APPEARING AUXILIARY– 8 to 10 in line

1ST Kiskatom Fire Department

2nd Coxsackie Hose Co. No. 3

BEST APPEARING AUXILIARY, 11 and over in line - Palenville Fire Department

BEST APPEARING AUXILIARY W/O COMPANY MUSIC - Haines Falls Fire Company

BEST APPEARING OVERALL AUXILIARY - Earlton Fire Dept.

BEST APPEARING JUNIOR/EXPLORER UNIT - Prattsville Hose Company

BEST APPEARING APPARATUS 1 – 5 YEARS

1ST Palenville Fire Department

2nd Cornell Hook and Ladder (New Baltimore)

BEST APPEARING APPARATUS 6 - 12 YEARS

1ST Earlton Fire Department

2nd D.M. Hamilton Steamer Co. No. 2 (Coxsackie)

BEST APPEARING APPARATUS 13-20 YEARS

1ST West Athens Limestreet Fire Company

2nd Kiskatom Fire Department

BEST APPEARING APPARATUS 21 and Over YEARS

1st Leeds Hose Co. No. 1

2nd Athens Volunteer Fire Department

BEST APPEARING MOTOR DRIVEN ANTIQUE APPARATUS - OUT OF SERVICE

Hunter Fire Company

BEST APPEARING OUT-OF-COUNTY UNIT

1ST East Greenbush Fire Department
(Rensselaer County)

2nd Sparrowbush Engine Company
(Orange County)

**BEST APPEARING OVERALL UNIT OUT OF COUNTY - J.W. Hoystadt Hose Co. No. 8
(Hudson, Columbia County)**

**BEST APPEARING OVERALL OUT OF COUNTY AUXILIARY - J.W. Hoystadt Hose Co. No. 8
(Hudson, Columbia County)**

MILLENNIUM MEMORIAL AWARD - BEST APPEARING OVERALL UNIT IN COUNTY

1st Place Palenville Fire Department





CONVENTION CANDIDS





**Greene County Volunteer Firemen's Association
Ladies Auxiliary of the Greene County Volunteer Firemen's Association
Greene County Fire Chief's Association
Greene County Fire Police Association**

Dear Officers and Members:

It is that time of year again when the four county associations join together to honor the Past Presidents. We encourage everyone to join us in honoring those who have served as president. This year's Honorees are:

Steven Salluce Sr. - Greene County Volunteer Firemen's Association

Charlie Fremgen - Greene County Fire Chief's Association

Gary Koopman - Greene County Fire Police Association

This year the Past Presidents' Dinner will be held on:

Sunday, November 10, 2013

3 PM - 4 PM (cash bar) cocktail hour with appetizers

4 PM - Dinner: Roast Sirloin of Beef & Fresh pork served family style.

Pegasus Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Coxsackie

The cost will be \$25.00 per person for all reservations made and paid for by before October 3. After that date, the cost will be \$27.00 per person for all reservations. Please send all reservations and payments to:

Past President's Dinner

c/o Harold Rivenburgh

PO Box 10

Catskill, NY 12414

Please make checks payable to the Greene County Volunteer Firemen's Association. If you have any further questions you can contact me at (518) 755-2715

Firematically,

John J. Farrell

Past President Dinner Committee Chairman

GCVFA * LAGCVFA * GCFCA * GCFPA

GREENE COUNTY CHRISTMAS PARTY
at the NYS FIREMEN'S HOME
Featuring 5th Annual Parade of Lights

SUNDAY DECEMBER 1, 2013
5:30pm Line-up
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6pm Step-off

Sponsored by
Greene County Volunteer Firemen's Association
Ladies Auxiliary

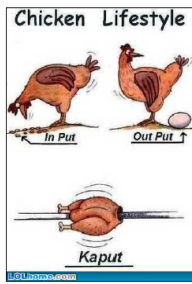
Hosted by
West Athens-Lime Street Fire Company Auxiliary
Athens Fire Department Auxiliary

UPCOMING GCVFALA FUNDRAISERS:

DAILY DRAWING TICKETS
CONTACT NANCY FERRETTI

JEWELRY RAFFLE
Bracelet
Turquoise & Silver Necklace
\$1 each or 6/\$5
Contact Geri Schultz (943-5213)
Drawing: Nov 25 at Fall meeting

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PEPERRONI SALE
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CHICKEN BBQ

SUN. SEPTEMBER 29, 2013
12 Noon – 5pm

West Athens Fire Station #2
Leeds-Athens Road, Athens

\$10 Eat-in Take-out

Benefit of
West Athens-Lime Street Fire Co.



Sponsored by Greenville Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary

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SATURDAY NOVEMBER 30TH
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SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE
FOOD & BAKED GOODS AVAILABLE

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Upcoming Events
Benefit of Cairo Hose Co. Auxiliary

Annual Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner
Election Day, Tuesday November 5, 2013
5pm – 7pm

Cairo Firehouse
Railroad Avenue, Cairo
Take-outs at 4:30 pm



Craft Sale
Saturday, November 16, 2013
9am - 4pm
Cairo Firehouse
Railroad Avenue, Cairo



Any questions, Call Sharon Pugsley at 634-7144



Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen's Assoc.
Annual Past Presidents Dinner
Honoring
Past President Marilyn L. Schrader

Saturday January 18, 2014

Hilton Garden Inn
Rensselaer Banquet & Conference Facility
235 Hoosick Street, Troy, N.Y.

Tickets are: \$ 50.00 per person
Dinner choices are Prime Rib, Salmon, Chicken
Cocktail hour 6:00 to 6:45 PM – Dinner 7:00 PM
Deadline for Dinner tickets is January 3, 2014

Mail dinner reservations to:
George Stacey, P.O. Box 207, Athens, N.Y. 12015
Phone# (518) 755-5951

A block of rooms are being held under HVVFA, \$ 119.00 per night.
Please contact Hotel directly at (518) 272-1700
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