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Kudos for Karen



Karen Kolepp Manke, the former President of Hope For Tomorrow and a visible presence at 811 Maple Road for more than twenty years, will be greatly missed.

Her dedication to and her spirit for The Hope For Tomorrow Foundation has produced phenomenal growth as evidenced in increased

participation at the annual Hope For Tomorrow charity benefit events. Her behind the scenes activity inspired confidence to the many volunteers.

As office manager, she allayed patients' surgical fears with her encouragement and her positive attitude. Her warm and energetic personality exhibited by her sincere and winning smile, her knowledge and love of the patients, greeting each person by name and inquiring about family

members, is missed. With Karen at the helm, the office at 811 Maple Road was a friendly place. People could talk and laugh and get to know one another, while visiting the office on the spur of the moment.

Of course, work was always a priority, but no one ever felt rushed or ignored. Thank you Karen for your years of dedicated and devoted service to 811 Maple Road and to the Hope For Tomorrow Foundation.

by Antoinette Andolina

A Connection... *Continued from page 2*

malyn not only had a facial disfigurement but also a serious health issue. Dr. Meilman, always aware and attuned to the needs of children, readily recognized Primalyn's plight and the process began. Within two weeks, all paperwork was completed and Primalyn arrived in Buffalo to stay with her host family, the Sheedys. Dr. Meilman completed her procedure at the Erie County Medical Center. Her parents are delighted with her progress.

The third recipient, **Taylor In-**

gram, lives in Buffalo. The Reverend James A. Lewis, from the Erie County Medical Center, introduced Talor to Dr. Meilman. The thirteen year old eighth grader attends the Olmstead school in Buffalo, New York. Cleft palate surgery and lip repair, were completed with positive results, by Dr. Meilman at the Erie County Medical Center in September 2007. Mrs. Sharetia Ingram, Taylor's mom, appreciates and admires Dr. Meilman's impact on her daughter's life.

So the connection begins with Dr. Meilman, giving a hopeful future to these children, bringing to them wholeness of body and spirit.

The Hope For Tomorrow Foundation wishes to thank Kenmore Mercy Hospital, in Kenmore, New York and the Erie County Medical Center in Buffalo, New York for all their support in 2007. The doctors, nurses and staff have been most welcoming and caring. We appreciate your time, service and generosity. Thank You.

Hope For Tomorrow Foundation

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Dr. Jeffrey Meilman

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Please Note: We have changed
the month to September!

15th Annual

*Hope for Tomorrow
Fundraiser*

Friday, September 26, 2008
at Salvatore's Italian Gardens

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Jeffrey Meilman, MD

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2007 Surgical Recipients

Peru



Moises Ramos

Buffalo N.Y.



Taylor Ingram

The Phillipines



Primalyn Elias

Healing in Process

Four weeks after surgery

Moises Ramos



Al doctor Meilman,
Quiero darle muchas gracias por todo que
Ud me ha dado. Estoy muy contento.

Atentamente,
-Moises

Taylor Ingram



Dear Dr. Meilman and Staff,
Thank-You so much for what you have
done for me. You have changed my
whole life. It is greatly appreciated.

-Taylor

Primalyn Elias



Dear Dr. Meilman,
This Thanksgiving we are grateful for
you and your staff. May God bless
you for helping so many children.
Primalyn will always remember you
and shall think of you with gratitude.

-Primalyn Elias

Hope For Tomorrow Honorees

The Honorees, both community and international leaders, have inspired and supported the efforts of Hope For Tomorrow.

2007

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

John E.D. de la V. Browne
Former member of British Parliament
Investment Banker
Author

HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Michael A. Young
President and CEO of the Erie County
Medical Center

2006

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Brig. Gen. Albin F. Irzyk
Author
General U.S. Army served under
General Patton

HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Margaret W. Paroski M.D.
Chief Medical Officer for Kaleida Health

2005

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

**Countess Alexandra Villard de
Borchgrave**
Author and Poet HEALING LIGHT

Arnaud de Borchgrave
Chief Foreign Correspondent
for Newsweek
Fox News Contributor

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Kenmore Mercy Hospital
Mary L. Hoffman
President and CEO
of Kenmore Mercy Hospital

2004

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Honorable Richard M. Devos, Sr.
Motivational Speaker
Co-Founder of Am-Way Corporation
Owner of Orlando Magic
Philanthropist
Author

HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Dr. Robert Moskowitz
Clinical Professor of Medicine of SUNY
Buffalo Medical Group Oncologist

2003

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Brian F. Haig
Retired Lieutenant Colonel U.S. Army
Author of Fictional Novels

HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Rabbi Martin L. Goldberg
Rabbi of Temple Beth Zion
for 40 years (posthumous)

2002

INTERNATIONAL PHILANTHROPY AWARD

John K. Castle
Chairman and CEO
of Castle Harlan, Inc.
Philanthropist

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

James D. Griffin
Mayor of Buffalo New York
for Sixteen Years

HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Ronald McDonald House
Provided Care for Hope For Tomorrow
Surgical Recipients

2001

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AWARD

John J. Rigas
Founder and CEO of
Adelphia Cable Communications

HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Patrick J. Wiles
Health Administrator of
Sisters of Charity Hospital
and Kenmore Mercy Hospital

Thomas A O'Connor M.D.
Chief of Anesthesia at
Kenmore Mercy Hospital

2000

HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Patti Bowers
Buffalo Police Department
Chair of Child Sexual Abuse Committee

Tim M. Boling
Executive Director
of Cradle Beach Camps

**Campanella Orthotics
and Prosthetics**
Donated Prosthesis for HFT Recipient
Marcin Cwyka

Terri Campbell
Kevin Guest House

Mark J. Fitzpatrick
Police Athletic League of Buffalo

Lieutenant David F. Mann, Jr.
Buffalo Police Department Child
Advocacy Center

1999

HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Lee Gross Anthone
Founder and Chair
of Child Advocacy Center
Fundraiser for the Buffalo Philharmonic
Orchestra, Children's Hospital and the
Albright Knox Art Gallery

Russell Salvatore
Philanthropist
Salvatore's Italian Gardens

Hope For Tomorrow Sponsors

We are appreciative of our sponsors who have been so generous throughout the years. With your support, the Hope For Tomorrow Foundation has been able to provide the many services needed in order bring our surgical recipients to the United States.

2007

DIAMOND

Mr. J.D. Crane

PLATINUM

Mr. & Mrs. Robert J.A. Irwin
Mrs. Josephine Reszel
ECMC
The McGuire Group

GOLD

Alidi Travel
Global Defense

SILVER

Campanella Orthotics & Prosthetics
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Mary E. Giallanza, Esq.
Dr. Loraine Engl
The Straeck Family
Staroba Plastic and Metal Products
of New York, Inc.
Island Street Lumber
Joseph N. Williams

BRONZE

Mr. and Mrs. Sal Andolina
Kaleida Health
Dr. Gary Wetreich and Mrs. Stephanie
Meilman Wetreich
Mr. and Mrs. Rocco Diina
Michael K. Landi, M.D.
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Mrs. Stephanie Meilman Wetreich
Mr. Peter Martin
The Dietrich Law Firm
Mr. and Mrs. Rocco Diina

2005

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Mr. J.D. Crane
Jim Culligan

GOLD

Campanella Orthotics and Prosthetics

SILVER

The McGuire Group
The Straeck Family
Dr. Loraine Engl
Josephine Reszel
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Mary E. Giallanza, Esq.
Mark and Kathy Balus
Joseph N. Williams

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Mrs. Stephanie Meilman Wetreich
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Staroba Plastic and Metal Products
of New York, Inc.
Frank Langley
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Rine
Michael K. Landi, M.D.
Kenmore Mercy Hospital
The Spier Family

2004

PLATINUM

Mr. and Mrs. James Culligan

GOLD

John K. Castle

SILVER

Buffalo Ultrasound
Loraine Engl, PhD
The McGuire Group

BRONZE

Jay C. Rowland, III DDS

2003

PLATINUM

The Roberts Family and
Hope Groeweh

GOLD

Mr. and Mrs. James Culligan
Mr. and Mrs. John K. Castle

SILVER

Buffalo Ultrasound
Candy Bouquet
The McGuire Group
Jay C. Rowland III, DDS

2002

PLATINUM

Jim and Linda Culligan
Psalm 116: 12 Foundation
(Mark and Kathy Balus)

GOLD

Hope Groeweh and Roseanne Roberts

SILVER

The McGuire Group
Robert La Carrubba DDS
Frank D. Massaro DDS
Buffalo Ultrasound
Dr. and Mrs. Eric J. Scott
Richard and Kathleen Rozicki

2001

CORPORATE SPONSORS

Adelphia Cable Communications
Buffalo Ultrasound
Culligan Auto Place
Frank McGuire Family Foundation
Pioneer Credit Recovery
Sisters Hospital Foundation

2000

*MILLENNIUM TABLES

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Culligan (2)
Marilynn and Mark Kahle

CORPORATE LEVEL TABLES

Sierra Tech
Salvatore's Italian Gardens Restaurant
Bella Vista Group, Inc.
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G&R Machinery, Inc.
Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Di Pizio
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Humanitarian Missions

Tanzania, Africa 2000



Dr. Meilman and Michael Straeck

Poland 2005



Dr. Meilman, Mary Meilman, Dr. Merkel and Dr. Karamanoukian

Peru 2007



Brian Rusk, Dr. Meilman, Alex Campanella, Jan Vosburgh, Ursula Campanella, Toni Andolina, Andrea Greig, Dr. Merkel and Stan Coleman

Isle of Capri 2003



Joanne Slivinski, Grace Spier and Lynn Millane

Rome 2002



Dr. Jiva, Dr. Merkel, Anna Stepan and Dr. Meilman

2007 Hope For Tomorrow Charity Event

Event Chair



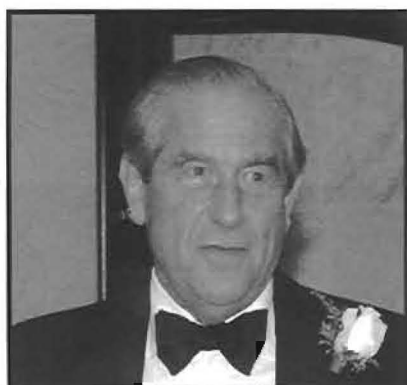
Donna McGuire

Chairman



Jeffrey Meilman, MD

International Community Service Award



John E.D. de la Browne

H O N O R E E S

Humanitarian of the Year Award



Michael A. Young

2007 Surgical Recipients



Moises Ramos, Dr. Meilman, James Huebbers, Donna McGuire, Taylor Ingram, Primaíyn Elias, Cristel Caling-caling and Brandon Sheedy



James Huebbers, Dr. Meilman, Donna McGuire and Don Postles

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Master of Ceremonies



Don Postles

Invocation



Monsignor David Gallivan

Award Presenter



Brian Rusk

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Dr. Gary Wetreich and Mrs. Stephanie Meilman Wetreich

Auction



Auctioneer Jan Vosburgh and highest bidder John Lenahan

Photography Team



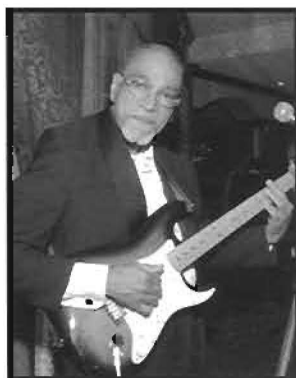
Sal and Toni Andolina, Dolly Larello and Dennis Stierer

Ushers



Dan Buchanan, Jeremy Krupski, Marcia Grundtisch, Tom Grundtisch, Tom Drahushuk

Musicians



Glen Tate



Taylor Ingram and the string quartet



Taylor Ingram, Dr. Meilman and Donna McGuire



Primalyn Elias, Cristel Caling-caling and Dr. Meilman



Greg Davis



Mary Meilman and John Lenahan



Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Diina



Beverly Orcutt and Terry Hausrath



Moises Ramos and Irma O'Connor



Shawn and Gina Buffum



Virginia and Savino Nanula



Sandy and Carlo Marinello



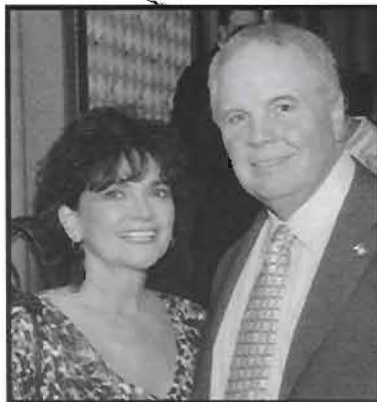
Gerry and John Brosky and
Nancy Gallagher



Nancy Turgeon and Chuck DeVaul



Jim Carr



Joanne Muscarella and Dan Hamel



Michael and Sharon Straeck, Michele and Michael Straeck



Mary and Tom Greenwald



Michelle and David Tiburzi

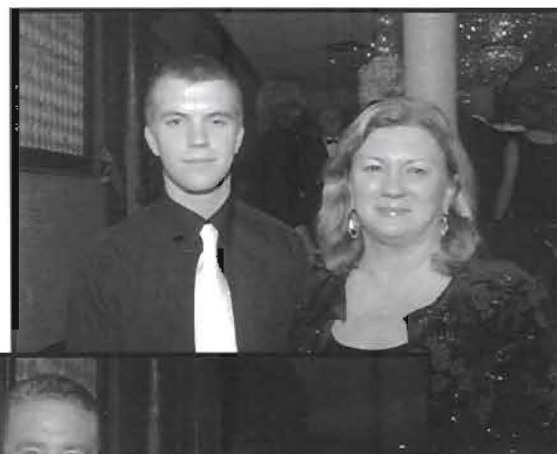


Alice Bragg



Sharon and Aaron Mentkowski

Ian and Linda Moskal



Rick and Annemarie Bruno



Paul and Diane Davis



Dottie Dworakowski and Terry Galanis



Richard and Flo Whitesell



John and Virginia Zarzecki



Michelle and Chris Lenahan



Sue McCarthy and
Rev. Francis Mazur



Mary Ann Bruno



Dr. Meilmen, Nancy Iovenitti, Jim and Marie Sorrentino



Jackie Gurney and
Richard Krieger



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Jules Smith, Alex Northrup, Hanna and Jay Zukoski



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Pat and Jack Sheedy



Josie Valente, Marcia Nasca and Carol Kosut



Paul and Arelene Bolt



Melanie and Allen Arsenault



Mark and Cynthia Blakenberg



Cynthia Guzik and Paul Micherdzinski



James and Jean LeBlanc, Marcia
and Joe Galenza



Sue Grelick and John Hoffman



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Wendy Richards



Dr. Kenneth Anthone



Dr. Michael Stoffman and Mrs. Dana Stoffman,
Dr. Ryan and Dr. Diane Denhaese



Joe Pintigalo and
Toni Andolina



Frank Langley, Donna Brockman, Pat Clark and Frank Langley



Sharon and Michael Martinick



Liz and Bill Savino



Roy Espinosa



Ursula and Alex Campanella



Dean and Donna Lucas



Bonnie and Jim Sexton



Tom and Ann Marie Wagner



Dr. Richard Peer



Mary and Jack Carlin



Melinda Knibbs and guest



Donna Pietrocarlo and guest



Honorable Penny Wolfgang



Alice and Richard Slisz



Lori Canadori, Jan Wozniak

Final Destination: Peru and the Galapagos Islands

After much deliberation and discussion, the humanitarian mission for 2008 will be returning to Peru. The itinerary included three days of surgery in Juliaca, an optional trip to Machu Picchu, and three days at the Galapagos Islands. Travel arrangements are by Alidi Travel of Buffalo, New York.

Peru- Galapagos Humanitarian Mission 2008 with The Hope For Tomorrow Foundation

Double Occupancy: \$3,999.00

Single Occupancy: \$4,799.00

Departure: Buffalo, New York to Lima, Peru

Friday, May 30, 2008

Return: Galapagos Islands to Buffalo, New York

Saturday, June 7, 2008

For more information, please contact Tony Constantini at Alidi Travel (716) 886-4443

First Prize Raffle Winners



Dear Dr. and Staff,

Yesterday was the Big Day! After four and a half hours of running cables upstairs, downstairs, basement and moving our TV's. We were ready to start enjoying our new TV.

It will serve as a lasting memento of that wonderful evening we shared at your "Charity Benefit".

May this blueberry coffecake be a token of our undying gratitude.

Enjoy,
Patrick & Kathy
Gorman

We Congratulate The Hope For Tomorrow Foundation Raffle Winners

First Prize	Patrick Gorman	Samsung 50" Plasma HDTV
Second Prize	Linda Moskal	5 days for Two in Las Vegas at Caesars Palace
Third Prize	David Meiler	\$2,000 in Chips for Seneca Niagara Casino
Fourth Prize	Nancy Perna	Season Tickets to Two at Shea's
Fifth Prize	Sandy Padovan	\$500 in Chips for Seneca Niagara Casino

Items of Interest

- The 2007 documentary of the Peruvian humanitarian trip to Juliaca, Peru produced by Stan Coleman of Appaloosa Productions, is now being aired on public television, Channel 20, every Monday evening at 9:00pm.
- Dr. Margaret Paroski received the Humanitarian of the Year Award from the Hope For Tomorrow Foundation in 2006.
- At their respective dinners, the General Pulaski Association, the Amherst Republican Committee and the National Conference for Community and Justice all recognized and honored the efforts of Dr. Meilman and The Hope For Tomorrow Foundation in promoting an awareness and in aiding the less fortunate of the world by providing medical care, surgeries and medical supplies.
- An organization founded by HFT board member Karen Carlos donates medical supplies medicine and clothing to orphanages in Poland, Africa, Bosnia and Peru. Orphans in Need has also been instrumental in the placement of "special needs" children in the United States. For further information, please contact Karen at 716-913-0494.
- Many are not aware of ways that the Hope For Tomorrow Foundation annually reaches out to the Buffalo area. For many years, Cradle Beach and the Salvation Army have been able to offer many camperships to local children, through the generosity of the Hope For Tomorrow supporters.

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