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NEW YORK STATE AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION  
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## BRIEFS

### Station Retirees News

Annual Spring Luncheon at Abigail's Restaurant, April 25, 2007, 12:00 Noon. Buffet Lunch followed by short business meeting and election of officers. The \$10.00 fee includes gratuity. Please make reservations by April 16, 2007. Call Sue Dwyer at 781-0360 or Ruth Sherman at 789-2416.

### March of Dimes Walk America

Be a hero! When you join March of Dimes Walk America, you give babies born prematurely a fighting chance. Unready to meet the world, many of these babies struggle just to survive. The funds you raise (or give) support lifesaving research and innovative programs.

This year the March of Dimes Walk America will be held on Sunday, May 6. Registration is at noon, and the walk begins at 1:00 p.m. at Seneca Lake State Park.

If you're interesting in participating in the walk (at the lake on an especially nice day) or in donating to this cause, please contact me. I will provide you with a registration card and more information. You can register on-line at [www.walkamerica.org](http://www.walkamerica.org), under the Geneva Experiment Station team name. Those of you who have participated in previous Walks should have received registration material at home. Please be sure to indicate you are on the Geneva Experiment Station team. Let me know if you plan to walk this year so I can include you on the Station list of participants and e-mail list so I can send you Walk information.

You can also help the Station team attain our \$500 goal by selling or buying Niagara chocolate bars. If you're interested in buying or selling them, please contact me. They are easy to sell—they sell themselves.

*Thank You  
Kathy DeRosa*

## Cornell Celebrates New York Wines

More than 200 alumni and friends of CALS and Cornell celebrated New York wines on Thursday, March 15 at The Lighthouse at Pier 61 in Manhattan. The New York City location afforded the opportunity to introduce New York State wines and the Colleges programs to a new audience.

John Dyson, of Millbrook Vineyards and Winery, was the Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Peter Saltonstall, of King Ferry Winery and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the NYS Wine and Grape Foundation served as co-host for the event with Susan A. Henry, the Ronald P. Lynch Dean of Cornell's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

In previous years the Geneva Experiment Station has sponsored an annual gala dinner and auction to raise funds for their vinification and brewing technology laboratory. Researchers at the Experiment Station have been conducting research on viticulture since the early 1900's, and winemaking since the 1960's.

Dean Henry asked that the focus of the gala this year be shifted to benefit all of Cornell's enology and viticulture programs including the Geneva and Ithaca campuses and work on Long Island, in the Hudson Valley, and in the Lake Erie region. She and Saltonstall felt that an expanded awareness of the enology and viticulture programs in CALS, and showcasing Cornell's partnership with the New York wine and grape industries would be of great benefit.

Attendees included New York City alumni, friends, and non-alumni parents of current students. These guests represented nearly all of the undergraduate colleges within Cornell.

"I am especially delighted that we are here in New York City, where we can not only celebrate the partnerships of the past 50 years and more, but also look ahead with ever-growing optimism to the wonderful things we will accomplish together in the next 50 years," said Dean Henry.

Enology and viticulture faculty and staff who attended included: Ramón Mira de Orduña Heidinger, Gavin Sacks, Tim Martinson and Alice Wise. CALS Associate Deans, including Experiment Station director Tom Burr, and director of Cornell Cooperative Extension Helene Dillard were also in attendance. The faculty, staff, and Associate Deans were seated throughout the room to meet and mingle with an audience who may not have been familiar with Cornell's enology and viticulture programs and the College in general.



*Gala attendees peruse silent auction items.*

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### Bowling Party Results

We finally have the results of the 2007 Station Club Bowling Party (co-sponsored by SAGES) that was held on March 10. 29 bowlers and five cheerleaders participated. Faculty, staff, post-docs, graduate students and visiting scientists (some of whom were first time bowlers) were all represented along with several family members.

Highest Team Average: Blazing Saddles (Jim Ballerstein, Sylvia Brooks and Courtney Weber)

#### High Score (Male)

First Place: Jim Ballerstein (173)

Second Place: Courtney Weber (152)

#### High Score (Female)

First Place: Kristen Ondik (190)

Second Place: Pat Marsella-Herrick (169)

A very special thank you to Amy Brooks. Amy prepared several delicious desserts that were really fantastic.

Thank you to everyone who signed up and joined in the fun! Thank you to SAGES for their support!

*Kristen Ondik*

### Relay for Life

We are kicking off the Geneva Relay for Life for the American Cancer Society early this year! The event will take place June 15-16, 6:30 pm-6:30 am at the H&WS track (as in the past). The event is expected to be huge this year, with a goal of raising \$100,000. Much of this money goes towards cancer detection and prevention programs, support for cancer survivors and care givers, and research for a cure. We plan to have a much better team site this year, which will be set up for those who want to spend the entire night (or hang out for part of it). It should be a great community event and opportunity to bond with your coworkers, as well as raise money for a very worthy cause. Let me know if you are willing to provide a tent, grill, cooler, chairs, etc. Our team page is up and running; please feel free to register online or see me for a collection envelope. You may also make a donation through this

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## Technology, Food, and Agricultural Career Day Held

On March 22nd, the Finger Lakes New Knowledge Fusion Project, in collaboration with Cornell Cooperative Extension and the Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board Inc., hosted the first annual "Technology, Food & Agricultural Career Day." The event consisted of a three-site progressive bus tour of the Experiment Station, the Cornell Agriculture & Food Technology Park, and Spring Hope Dairy Farm in Hopewell, NY.

"The goal of the event was to expose students to a variety of careers in technology, food and agriculture and help broaden their understanding of what kinds of jobs are available to them and the importance of, and impact on these jobs to the region," said Kitty Noble one of the event organizers and the Project Administrator for Finger Lakes New Knowledge Fusion Project.

Students from 19 school districts in Wayne, Ontario, Seneca, and Yates counties toured

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*Bob Seem talks to a student about career opportunities in plant pathology.*



*Gus McDonald, from Infotonics Technology Center speaks to students about the types of products Infotonics creates including sensors, chips and other microfluidic and optical Microsystems.*



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each site, and were introduced to careers in a variety of fields including: finance, sales, human resources, the physical and life sciences, business, production, management, economics, and others.



Dan Cerretani, area sales manager for Gennex, Inc. discusses dairy herd genetics and the cow reproductive cycle.

learned what I really want to do. There really isn't any debate in my head anymore" – Rebecca, North Rose-Wolcott; "There are more jobs that deal with food and agriculture than I was aware of" – Josh, North Rose-Wolcott; "Jobs in Agriculture can be cool" – Ryan, Penn Yan Academy; and "School matters!" – Jacob, Waterloo.

"These comments and others like them are a testimony to the relevance and success of this event," Noble said in summarizing the day's activities.



Tara Bubble from Cornell University's College of Agriculture & Life Science's Admissions Office speaks to students about the different majors the college offers and shares some helpful hints prospective students should keep in mind when they search for colleges.

New York State colleges and universities, along with employers and industry representatives in the fields of food, technology, and agriculture were at each site to talk about their respective fields and organizations, answer questions and tell students what kinds of jobs are available.

Typical student responses to an evaluation form question, "Identify one important thing you learned today" included: "I

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The fine food prepared by caterer Abigail Kirsch met its perfect New York wine pairing throughout the various courses of the dinner.

The room's energy was encouraged by silent and live wine auctions benefiting the Enology and Viticulture Programs. Over 40 wineries supported the night through donating auction items or offering wine for the reception and dinner. These wineries represented the wine regions throughout New York State, including Lake Erie, the Finger Lakes, the Hudson Valley, and Long Island. More than \$22,000 was raised. Dean Henry pointed out that all proceeds from the evening's event would help support Cornell's groundbreaking research, extension and teaching programs in enology and viticulture. In addition to the numerous bottles of fine wines, auction items included: winery tour/tasting packages, rare and unique bottles of wine, exquisite glass bowls from the Corning Museum collection, and even an overnight package at the Cornell Club in New York City. The auctioneer was provided by Christies.

The Geneva Experiment Station's Communications Services staff worked closely with the CALS Alumni Affairs, Development and Communications staff to organize and host this event.

Tim Oonk

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site if you would rather not physically participate in the relay.

Our NYSAES07 Team Page:

<https://www.kintera.org/faf/search/searchTeamPart.asp?ievent=205600&lis=1&kntae205600=C2CAB31D8D1D4D2D884FDDFA9AABDEA1&supId=0&team=1900939&cj=Y>

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. My office is at A133 Barton Lab. We are also selling purple hope bracelets for \$2.00 (they're quite sharp and could double as a hair tie!) and luminarias for \$5.00 (candles that will be lit at the relay in memory of someone who has succumbed to cancer or in honor of a survivor). The luminaria ceremony is one of the most beautiful aspects of the relay.

Maryann Borsick Herman



**CALENDAR of EVENTS**  
MARCH 30 - APRIL 13, 2007

**SEMINARS**

**ENTOMOLOGY**

**Ping Wang**

**Dept. of Entomology**

**Cornell University, Geneva, NY**

“What is the molecular genetic basis of Bt-resistance in field insect populations?”

**Date:** Tuesday, April 10, 2007  
**Time:** 10:30 AM (10:00 PM coffee)  
**Place:** 310 Barton Lab, Chapman Conference Room

**PLANT PATH**

**Megan Dewdney**

**Dept. of Plant Pathology**

**Cornell University, Geneva, NY**

“Blossom Blight Forecasting: Unraveling the population dynamics of *Erwinia amylovora* on apple blossom surfaces”

**Date:** Tuesday, April 3, 2007  
**Time:** 3:30 PM (3:00 PM coffee)  
**Place:** A134 Barton Lab

**Hussein Alzubi**

**Dept. of Plant Pathology**

**General Commission for Scientific Agricultural Research (GCSAR), Syria**

“Viticulture in Syria: current status and future prospects”

**Date:** Tuesday, April 10, 2007  
**Time:** 3:30 PM (3:00 PM coffee)  
**Place:** A134 Barton Lab

**LIBRARY**

**Peter Hirtle**

**Intellectual Property Officer, Cornell University Library**

“Keeping your Copyright as an Author”

**Date:** Tuesday, April 10, 2007  
**Time:** 1:15 PM (Refreshments served)  
**Place:** Jordan Hall Staff Room

**Attention: Station Retirees**

If you have changed your address or if you are not receiving mailings about Retiree’s activities, and would like to be on the mailing list, please call Sue Dwyer at 315-781-0360.

**ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE**

Classes are absolutely free and include conversational English, writing skills and real-life communications.

**Instructor:** Mary Spittler

**When:** Classes will begin on Tuesday, February 20th and meet every Tuesday afternoon from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and every Thursday afternoon from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Where:** The classes are held in the lunch room in the Food Science and Technology Building.

New students are welcome to join at any time. Just show up for any session. Classes are flexible so that students may attend either or both sessions per week.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

On Thursday, April 5, 2007, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Jordan Hall Lounge, Maureen Brull from the University Benefits Office in Ithaca will present an informative session on the Cornell Children’s Tuition Scholarship.

You may access the following website to obtain information on this exceptional benefit to Cornell employees:

<http://www.ohr.cornell.edu/benefits/educational/ccts.html>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Cherie Martin (caq1 or extension 2210) or me (pmm19 or extension 2234).

*Thank you!*  
*Pat Mahoney*

**MEETINGS**

**CHAIRS MEETING**

**Date:** Tuesday, April 3, 2007  
**Time:** 8:30 AM  
**Place:** Director’s Office

**CALS FACULTY SENATE MEETING**

**Date:** Wednesday, April 4, 2007  
**Time:** 4:00 PM  
**Place:** A134 Barton Lab

**CLASSIFIEDS**

**FOR RENT:** 1 & 2 bedroom apartments in Geneva. Newly remodeled, close to downtown, hospital, and NYSAES. Quiet neighborhood. The 1 bedroom is \$700/month and the 2 bedroom is \$800/month. All utilities included (gas, electric, heat, water & sewer, trash & snow removal). Off street parking. For more info contact ds223 or call 789-2612.

**FOR SALE:** Lake Home. Beautiful year-round home on Seneca Lake for sale. Just 8 miles South of Geneva. 50 ft. of private lakefront, with house on a larger lot. Three bedrooms and large finished room in basement. Hardwood floors. Full attic and basement, and 1.5 car garage. \$225,000. For more info contact jag7 or call X2209.

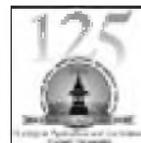
**FOR SALE:** 2005 19’ Tracker Tahoe. V6, 190hp, seats 7, open bow. Asking \$14,500. Contact wns1 or 585-261-5023.

**FOR RENT:** Upper 1 bedroom apartment on Main St. \$375 per month, all utilities included except electric. Off street parking. Quiet neighborhood. Close to NYSAES. For more info contact chr2 or call X2493.

**FOR SALE:** Wicker Love seat and two chairs w/ cushions. Nearly new. The furniture is very well constructed. The furniture is a nice country green, but can be painted any color, \$225. Contact Cheryl Ten Eyck at cnt1 or X2379.

**FOR SALE:** 2003 Classic Spa. 5 person, 280 gallons, 31 total jets, under warranty until 4/8/08. \$2,200 (\$4,900 new). Contact X2251 or 781-2169 after 6PM.

**FOR SALE:** John Deere L115, 42” Mower. 2006, Hardly used, excellent condition. \$1,600 new. Has 1 year warranty remaining. \$1,000. Contact gro2 or X2248.



**Join us at our 125th Anniversary Open House**  
**September 15th, 2007**