

# Glens Falls Area



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## Done: Houses #15 and #16... Next Up: #17!

Stephen McCorkell



House #15



House #16



Spring is in the air, and that means it is once again time to plan another Habitat house. However, before we start house #17, we would like to proudly announce the completion of houses #15 and #16! This issue of our newsletter is dedicated to all the volunteers, partner organizations, vendors and contract trades people who made our 2003-04 build season such a great success.

House #15, fondly known as Van Ness Manor, was started late last summer on one of the three lots that we now own on Medbury Road in the Town of Greenfield. This build was executed in partnership with Skidmore College and their student Habitat chapter. The Affiliate worked with Skidmore throughout 2003 to set the stage for this project. In the end, Skidmore provided volunteers and food for three weekends each month, while the Affiliate provided a core group of lead volunteers and skilled subcontractors. In addition to the volunteers,

Skidmore College contributed funds in excess of \$5,000 to support the build. The glue that held this partnership together was Skidmore's Michelle Hubbs. She supported our efforts without fail and proved that with determination, anything can happen. In January, Sheri Van Ness and her two sons moved out of their cold rental quarters and into a nice warm Habitat house.

House #16, the Thornton house build (also on Medbury Road), was the fastest project ever completed by the Affiliate—or, in this case, the fastest Habitat project ever built by D. A. Collins Construction. Started in November, it was completed in January. This build was the result of a partnership between the Affiliate, D. A. Collins Construction and members of the Saratoga Builders Association. Tom Longe and Bobby D'Andrea from D. A. Collins approached the Affiliate in late 2002 about doing a project on a compressed time schedule once their

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**Spaghetti  
Dinner Earns  
"Bravissimo"  
Rating**

Dick Harris

On February 20 the GFAHFH held a spaghetti dinner to benefit the Paul Arends Scholarship Fund at Adirondack Community College. The event was a rousing success, with over \$1,500 being raised for the fund.

Our thanks and gratitude go to all who in any way contributed to the evening. I want to personally thank the following:

- The Church of the Messiah on Glen Street in Glens Falls for donating the use of their facilities.
- Marge Hull, who chopped up 30 pounds of onions (!) and helped out all day in the kitchen.
- Bruce Hull for uncasing 35 pounds of sausage, helping to cook the meat, and supervising the dishwasher.
- Bruce Forman, who cooked the spaghetti while I ladled the sauce.
- Michelle AuClaire, Joyce Falkenbury, Betty Harris and Lisa McCorkell, who oversaw salad making, bread cutting, serving, cleanup and all the other little things that make a kitchen hum.

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**Habitat and the  
Saratoga Builders  
Association—  
A Partnership that has  
made a difference in  
Saratoga County**  
Stephen McCorkell

Our Affiliate is grateful to many for our success. However, a special thanks must be reserved for all the support the Saratoga Builders Association (SBA) has provided to Habitat for Humanity. A partnership was formed between our two organizations many years ago, for the purpose of providing affordable housing in Saratoga County. With

**Project Participants for House #15  
Skidmore College Build**

**Allerdice Building Supply** • *Lumber*

**Apache Framing**

**Askco Electric Supply** • *Light fixtures*  
James and Marybeth Knapp

**BSC Construction** • *Telephone and cable materials*  
Will Chamberlin

**Capitol District Supply** • *Heating and plumbing*  
Bob Zema

**Curtis Lumber**  
Jon Hallgren, VP sales • Doug Ford, store manager  
Ballston Spa • Contractor sales: Kathy Hall, Les Kealy, Tom Nichols • Kitchen design: Jay Miller

**Energy Star Program**  
Bob Zema

**Gabryshak Construction** • *Electrical installation*  
Matt and Lisa Gabryshak  
Jason Robinson, electrician

**GFAHFH volunteers**  
Chuck Jacox (project manager) • Ballston United Methodist crew • Tom Barbeau • Greg Benton (siding foreman) • Glen Burt • Sharon Byrine • John and Traci Coleman • Wayne Curry and Jim Thornton (sheetrock and taping) • Dick Harris • Brian King (stairs) • Paul Lambert (basement leak fixer) • Tom Lapham and the Saratoga Presbyterian/New England Congregational Church crew • Medbury Road neighbors • Randy Odell (foreman/electrical) • Saratoga Abundant Life Christian Church crew • Charlot Smith • Maryann Snell • Jason Thenault • John Thomas (cut-man and trim guy) • Dolores and George Wilson • Tonya Yasenchak

**Grasshopper Gardens** • *Landscaping*

**Town of Greenfield**

Robert Stokes, supervisor  
Gerald McKenna, building inspector

**Hawk Drilling Company** • *Well drilling*  
Janice Baldwin-Hawk

**LA Group** • *Septic design*

**MJR Construction** • *Concrete foundation and floor*  
Mark Rogers, president

**The Michaels Group** • *Interior trim and door installation*  
Paul Lambert, foreman

**Niagara Mohawk** • *Electric service*  
Sue Waghorn, customer service • NiMo line crew

**Olsen Associates** • *Architectural design*  
George and Claudia Olsen

**Pallette Stone Corporation** • *Concrete materials*  
Bill Beers, vice president

**Saratoga Builders Association** • *Project funding*

**Skidmore College** • *Skidmore College student, faculty and staff volunteer crews*  
Michelle Hubbs, volunteer coordination/fundraising  
Doug Herbst, president Skidmore College Habitat chapter

**Thompson-Fleming Land Surveyors**  
Bill Thompson, L.S.

**WJ Morris Excavation** • *Excavation and septic system*  
William Morris, president

**Warren Electric Supply**

**Webb Trim**  
John Webb

**Whirlpool International** • *Appliances*

**John Witt** • *Land donation*

### Saratoga Builders Association... *continued*

SBA funding, generated from its Annual Showcase of Homes event, Habitat has built five homes for five families. We are very proud of this accomplishment and recognize that we could not have achieved all that we have without the SBA's support. We look forward to future

collaborations and salute the Saratoga Builders Association for its continued support. Our partnership has made a difference in the community and in the lives of our partner families. ▲

## Project Participants for House #16 Built in Memory of Bruce Conklin

**Allerdice Building Supply** • *Lumber*

**American Molding Corporation** • *Interior trim*

**Askco Electric Supply** • *Light Fixtures*  
James and Marybeth Knapp

**B & B Plumbing**

**Bonacio Construction**

Sonny Bonacio, president • Paul Young • Mike Polcare, framing foreman • Bonacio framing crew

**BSC Construction** • *Telephone and cable materials*  
Will Chamberlin

**Building Design Solutions**

David Seaman, P.E.

**Wayne Curry** • *Vinyl siding installation*

**Curtis Lumber**

Jon Hallgren, VP sales • Doug Ford, store manager  
Ballston Spa • Contractor sales: Kathy Hall, Les Kealy, Tom Nichols • Kitchen design: Jay Miller

**D. A. Collins**

Tom Longe, president • Bill Beers, vice president  
Bobby D'Andrea, public relations • Mike Bergeron, project manager

**Durawood** • *Interior stairs*

Bob Carter

**Energy Star Program**

Bob Zema

**Engineering America** • *Architectural design*

**Gabryshak Construction** • *Electrical installation*  
Matt and Lisa Gabryshak • Jason Robinson, electrician

**General Millwork** • *Interior and exterior doors*

Jeff Crannel

**Georgia Pacific** • *Siding*

**Grasshopper Gardens** • *Landscaping*

**Town of Greenfield**

Robert Stokes, supervisor  
Gerald McKenna, building inspector

**Hawk Drilling Company** • *Well drilling*

Janice Baldwin-Hawk

**Highland and Company** • *Heating*

Joe Van Buren, owner • Highland crew

**Kurt Kress, P.E.** • *Septic design*

**The Michaels Group** • *Interior trim and door installation*

Paul Lambert, foreman

**Munter Construction** • *Concrete basement floor*

John Munter, president

**Niagara Mohawk** • *Electric service*

Sue Waghorn, customer service  
NiMo line crew

**Pallette Stone Corporation**

Robert Cox, sales manager

**Precision Glass** • *Closet and bath accessories*

Tom Lyons, owner

**Ron Redman** • *Sheetrock and taping*

**Saratoga Builders Association** • *Project Funding*

**Superior Walls by Jointa Lime**

**Sutliff Construction** • *Roofing*

Tim Sutliff

**W J Morris Excavating**

William Morris, president

**Warren Electric Supply**

**Whirlpool International** • *Appliances*

**John Witt** • *Land donation*

### Spaghetti Dinner... *continued*

- Gail Jordan and her Girl Scouts: Caitlin Clark, Jessica Jordan and Shannon O'Herron, who served all the meals.
- Those who arranged for the donation of all the food and beverages: Nicki Bissonette, Louise De Sare, Jim Farley, Nancy Flint-Budde, Debbie Gordon, Brad Krause, Steve McCorkell and Millie Reid.
- Mohan Liquors for the "secret ingredient" (Chianti), Panera Bread for the loaves and Margaret MonteLeone for the cakes.
- Mark Sharadin of the Pressroom for printing and donating the tickets.
- Steve McCorkell, who directed traffic, moved everything we wanted moved, and seemed to be everywhere at once.
- The 200+ supporters who attended and enjoyed the dinner.

I have been doing this type of dinner for a number of years, but I must say I never before had a crew like this one! They made the whole experience a pleasure. Thanks to all of you and to anyone I may have forgotten to mention. Next year will be even better! ▲

## Help Wanted

On-site volunteer coordinators and a food coordinator are needed for our build this summer in Glens Falls. If you are interested or want more information, contact **Nicole Bissonette** at **584-9574** or **Nickib@spa.net**.

## Done... *continued*

Stephen McCorkell

2003 construction season ended. Of course this sounded good, but we were all a bit nervous about starting a project so late in the season. Our fears were set aside, however, after Tom assigned the project to Bill Beers, his vice president at Pallette Stone Corporation. Beginning in late October, Bill assembled a team that included Robert Cox, Sonny Bonacio and Mike Bergeron. Bill's team hit the ground running, and after initial excavation was completed, the basement was finished in two and a half hours. The Bonacio crew finished framing over the next four days. The project continued at this pace, under Mike's guidance, until it was completed. Jim and Ann-Marie Thornton spent countless hours carefully painting the walls

and trim over Christmas and moved into their new house in January.

House #16 was built in memory of Bruce Conklin, so it was only fitting that his old friends from the Saratoga United Methodist Mens Club host our First Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner in January. This dinner gave the Affiliate a chance to publicly thank everyone involved with the 2003-04 builds. For those who missed the dinner, it is our hope that the following pages will remind you of all that was accomplished by so many in such a short time.

With two more successful builds under our belt, the Affiliate looks forward to a new season and a new project on Platt Street in Glens Falls. We hope you can make time for us in your summer plans as we begin house #17! ▲

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