Abbie Hoffman to be fund-raiser guest

RIVER BENEFIT: The American Whitewater Affiliation will host a fund-raiser at D'Adkins Bistro in Troy next Sunday with special guest Abbie Hoffman. The affair is to celebrate the protection of the Moone-Hen and Black rivers.

Proceeds from the benefit will help defray the costs incurred by paddling groups. Starting at 8 p.m. there will be hot and cold finger foods, dancing in music of the 70s, whitewater videos and slides, posters, T-shirts, raffles, contents and giveaways.

Tickets are $25 per person or $35 per couple, at the door $15 per person, or $25 per couple, in advance.

For more information and reservations call 074-519.

NUTCRACKER SWEETS: On Saturday, there will be a fashion show and luncheon at the Tufi Inn, Colonie, for the benefit of the Schenectady Theater for Children, a touring company that presents live theater to area school-age children.

Susan Frissell and Patricia Kramen are co-chairmen of the Guild of the Children's Theater luncheon and family fashion show, with a holiday-themed theme, "Nurcracker Sweets."

Among the models that day will be Peter Frissell; Amy and Charlotte Greenwood; Lisa Kramer; Dennis, Conner and Patrick Madden; Sharon Malnak and Kay Ruedenau.

Fashions are by Filone's, hairstyles by the Orlé Beauty Salon and Mary Kay Cosmetics.

Tickets are $15.50 with an adult, and $17 with a children's menu. For reservations, call Sally Laubro at 304-6171, or Kathy Mesiti at 346-3607 by Tuesday.

RAT RACE: The Albany County Bar Association was hosted Saturday evening at a formal dinner to celebrate the recent appointment of Roger J. Miner of Livingston to the U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit.

The dinner at the Albany Hilton Hotel started with a cocktail party, followed by a roast beef dinner, which was appropriate since Miner ended up roasting his peers who earlier in the dinner took pot shots at him.

Miner is the first U.S. Circuit judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit to ever have a chamber in Albany. (The chamber is usually in New York City, where Miner only spends one week of each month).

Johnny Casitas entertained during the cocktail hour, while Bob Breyer and his 14-piece orchestra played dance music until the wee hours of the morning.

Among the 100 attending were Brian Manusfield, chairman of the dinner, and his wife Susan; Miner's wife, Jackie; Howard Munson, chief U.S. District judge for the northern district of New York, who served as toastmaster; president of the Albany County Bar Association Cornelius Murray and his wife Martha; Senior U.S. District Judge James Foley and his wife Eleanor; John and Ann O'Mara; Rep. Samuel S. Stratton, D-Schenectady; Albany County Court Judge Joseph Harris and his wife Susan; Albany County District Attorney Joel Greenberg, and the administrative judge for the Third Judicial District Edward Conway.

PARTY FOR THE PARTY: Nancy Burton, alderwoman of Albany's Sixth Ward, hosted a cocktail party Oct. 20 at the Unlimited Feast in Center Square to say thank you to her supporters and friends.

It was elbow-to-elbow as more than 300 guests dined on a selection of hot and cold hors d'oeuvre that lasted from 6 to 9 p.m.

COCKTAILS AT THE CLUB: Albany Mayor Thomas M. Whalen III was presented with an award Tuesday evening at the Steuben Athletic Club. The mayor was named for his support in human service projects.

The award was presented by Dr. Richard Gaintner, president and chief executive officer of Albany Medical Center on behalf of Albany County Human Services. Jessie Nissen, director of the Capital District Psychiatric Center (CDPC), was scheduled to give the award, but was busy in Buffalo.

Among those attending were Gaintner's wife, Susan; co-chairman of the ceremony, along with Susan; Jessie's wife, who is circulation coordinator for the CDPC; Alvin Strain of the March of Dimes; Dr. Rajender Abraham of Albany Medical College, program director of Mercy House Joseph Connolly; Mary Brembrie, executive director of the Visiting Nurse Association; Ada Kuchen, director of the South Mall Towers Senior Services Center; and chief of community services for the Eleanor Roosevelt Center Jerome Bonaems.

Also attending the cocktail party were Alan Berlin, William Kahl, president of Russell Sage College, and his wife Mary; Robert Neely of Family and Children Services; Donna Townsend of the Travelers Aid Society; Elmer Streeter, associate director of public relations for Albany Medical Center; and interior designer and sales associate with Wellborn & Purdy Beall, Inc., Lore Benen.

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