

Join Us for the 11th Annual Duck Race!

Join us on Saturday, June 8, 2013, from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m., for a free family festival that brings together people from all over the community. The Duck Race features a huge line-up of children's entertainment, cooperative games, face painting, community information booths, free Byrne Dairy Ice Cream and duck races galore:

- **Corporate Sponsors' Race:** Full-size plastic decoy ducks, decorated by corporate sponsors to represent their role within our community
- **Third - Grade Race:** Over 40 full-size plastic decoy ducks, decorated by third-grade classes from the city and around our county
- **Community Race:** 3000+ multi-colored plastic ducklings

Grand Prize: \$1,000 Shopping Spree at Destiny USA

Other Prizes include:

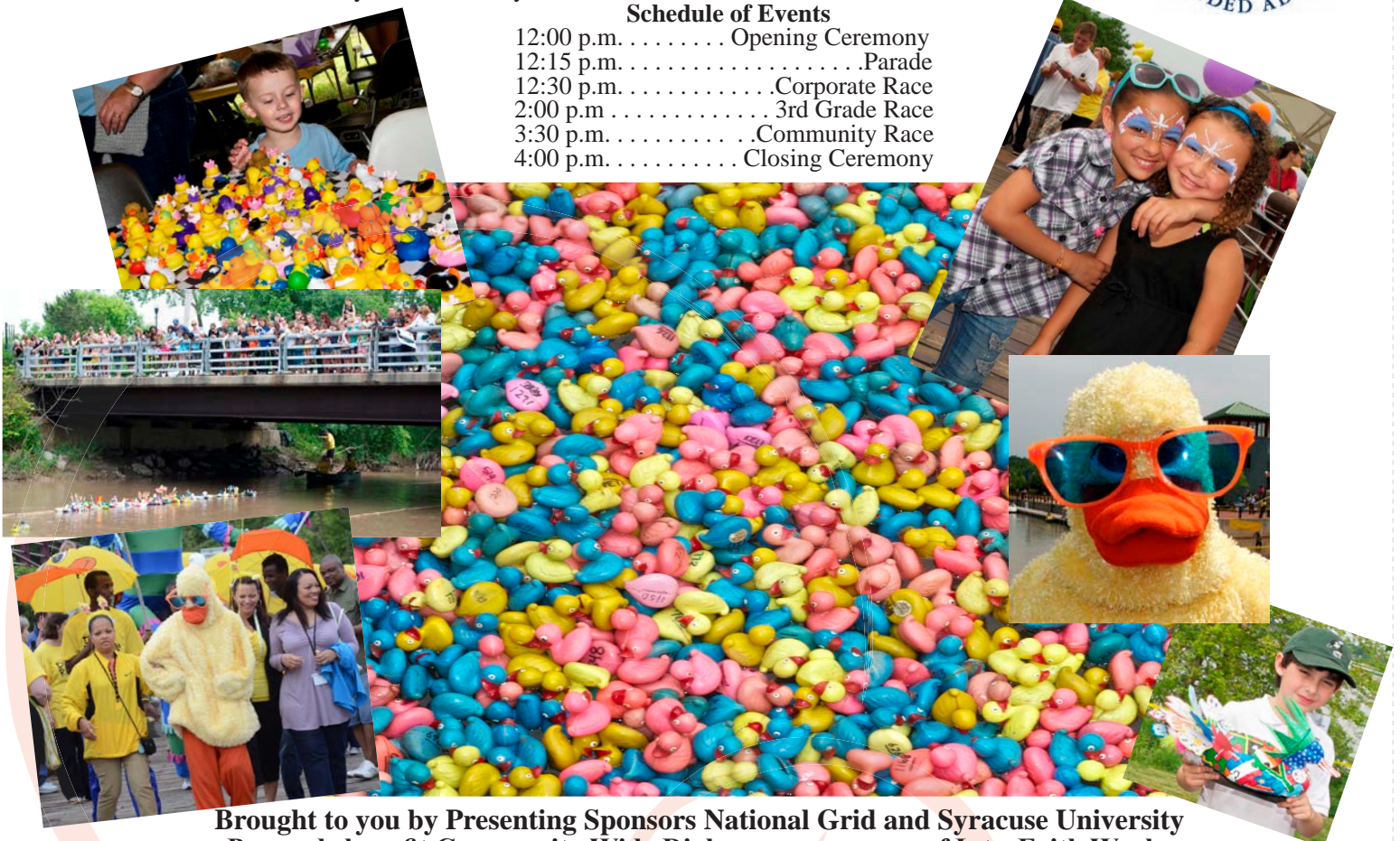
- "A Night on the Town" with theater tickets, limousine and dinner
- "Family Fun Pack" with tickets to local attractions and family-friendly events
- Boys and Girls bicycles

Schedule of Events

12:00 p.m. Opening Ceremony
 12:15 p.m. Parade
 12:30 p.m. Corporate Race
 2:00 p.m. 3rd Grade Race
 3:30 p.m. Community Race
 4:00 p.m. Closing Ceremony



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For more information about volunteering or entering a duck in the race,
 call the Community Wide Dialogue office at 449-3552, x119 or email cwd1@interfaithworkscny.org.



Beth A. Broadway

“This is What Heaven is Going to Look Like”

These were the words of Rev. Nebraska Carter as he stood at the podium to receive his award as one of the InterFaith Leadership Honorees for 2013. He was looking out at a crowd of over 500 people, people who wore Sikh turbans, Muslim caps, Jewish yarmulkes, and the ornate African crown of his beautiful wife’s beautiful hat. He was looking at a room made up of skin tones from brown to tan to pale. He was looking at women and men who share a community, a hunger for justice, a desire to serve, and a passion for their fellow humans. This IS what heaven is going to look like.

At the end of the evening, a mixed choir from Temple Concord, Living Waters Church of God in Christ, Pebble Hill Presbyterian, and Trinity Episcopal sang out “When all God’s children get together, what a time, what a time, what a time.”

Last month, InterFaith Works co-sponsored one of the most extraordinary events of our community’s life, along with Syracuse University and the Jewish Federation of CNY. It was the performance of Lawrence Seigel’s *Kaddish: I Am Here*, an oratorio that comes verbatim from the words of people who survived the Holocaust. The 15-movement piece was performed with power and beauty, with depth and pain and love as it took us through the time before the war, through Kristallnacht, into the death camps, and to the triumphant return of a survivor to the gates of Auschwitz, her whole family with her to declare that she had, in fact survived, and look who was with her.

Beyond the piece itself, what was extraordinary was that the packed-house Civic Center audience represented not only the Jewish people of our community, but also the Buddhists, Catholics, Episcopalians, Muslims, Presbyterians, and Sikhs of our community. A large contingent of refugees, people from Somalia and Darfur who have experienced their own holocaust, were there as witness to their own losses and their own survival. We can’t know what it means to be such a survivor, and also what it meant for the Jewish people of our community to open this event to the rest of us. What a privilege to stand together, to declare together, never again for any people. This IS what heaven is going to look like.

Together with our partners in Women Transcending Boundaries, and ACTS, with our partners in Seeds of Peace, and Syracuse City School District, we are proud to be part of this creation of heaven on earth, this knitting together of our differences, our wounds, and our triumphs, into the common humanity that will make us whole again. Yes, When All God’s Children Get Together, we are gonna have a time! Google it right now, and sing it with me!

Sincerely,

Beth A. Broadway
Executive Director

PS: And while you’re “Googling,” go to Onondaga Citizens League website and click on the new study on local refugee resettlement efforts: *The World at our Doorstep*. We are proud to be part of this great humanitarian effort that brings so many people from around the world to Syracuse to start over. Caring for each other in this way is also what heaven is going to look like.

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Rev. Dr. Wolfe Named Iliff School of Theology President

The Rev. Dr. Thomas V. Wolfe, Senior Vice President and Dean, Division of Student Affairs, Syracuse University, has been named as the Iliff School of Theology's 14th president. The Iliff School of Theology, in Denver, Colorado, is a graduate theological school related to the United Methodist Church, serving more than 38 different faith traditions.

Dr. Wolfe served as the 14th President of the Board of Directors for InterFaith Works from 2006-2007, and has been a deep and abiding supporter of the dialogues to end racism, interfaith understanding, and the agency's work with refugees. Dr. Wolfe says, "I am grateful to Syracuse for how it has formed me, and I am sad to leave, but this appointment represents a culmination of a dream."



Rev. Dr. Thomas V. Wolfe

Formerly, Dr. Wolfe served as Dean and Chaplain at Hendricks Chapel at Syracuse, and was a pastor of United Methodist parishes in New York. He will begin serving in his new position August 1. "His legacy of interfaith and intercultural dialogue which leads to understanding and community change has strengthened our lives and the work of this agency. Tom is one of the wise men of our community, and he will be sorely missed. We send him off with love," said Beth A. Broadway, Executive Director of InterFaith Works.

Support of the Duck Race Also Supports Community Wide Dialogue Programs and Outreach

The Community Wide Dialogue (CWD) Program's Third Grade Exchange, which is part of the Starting Small Program, was organized around the idea of bringing students of different backgrounds together to increase awareness and understanding of differences. Third grade was chosen specifically for the Starting Small program because of the New York State curriculum unit that introduces concepts of diversity and value of group difference, beginning with this grade level.

Many ideas have been brought into the program with activities that overtly focus on how we are connected to each other, rather than focusing on group "sameness" and/or "difference" per se. For example, facilitators use the text "Say Something," by Peggy Moss, to introduce the idea of group connection. The focus is on how students can stand together by simply "saying something" when they see someone being bullied



Students from the Bellevue and Fayetteville Elementary Schools, participants in the CWD Third Grade Exchange Program, engage in recreational activities in the Bellevue Elementary gymnasium.

At the same time, CWD has included new exercises that more directly make connections between our names (individual identity) and cultural/ethnic identity (social identities). The goal is to introduce the idea that we are all connected by our participation in a world larger than ourselves, and a recognition that the present is shaped by the past.

The opportunity to participate in the Duck Race to End Racism is presented at Third Grade Exchange facilitator trainings and through mailings to all third grade classrooms in Onondaga County. Participation in the Duck Race offers a way to experience the themes of interconnection and the value of diversity that the students learn about in the Third Grade Exchange program. Students and teachers are encouraged to work together on creating a classroom duck for the race that reflects what they have learned about racial justice. In addition, the Duck Race family festival allows students, parents and families to celebrate the diversity that makes our community so rich!

The Duck Race is a major source of funding for the work done by CWD. Your participation is a way to support this work, allowing us to grow and develop new programming to reach even more students and members of the community.

31st Annual Leadership Award Dinner

April 30, 2013 - SRC Arena & Event Center at Onondaga Community College campus

Photos by Chuck Wainright

Aminy Audi (right) presents
Ruth (left) and Bob Colvin



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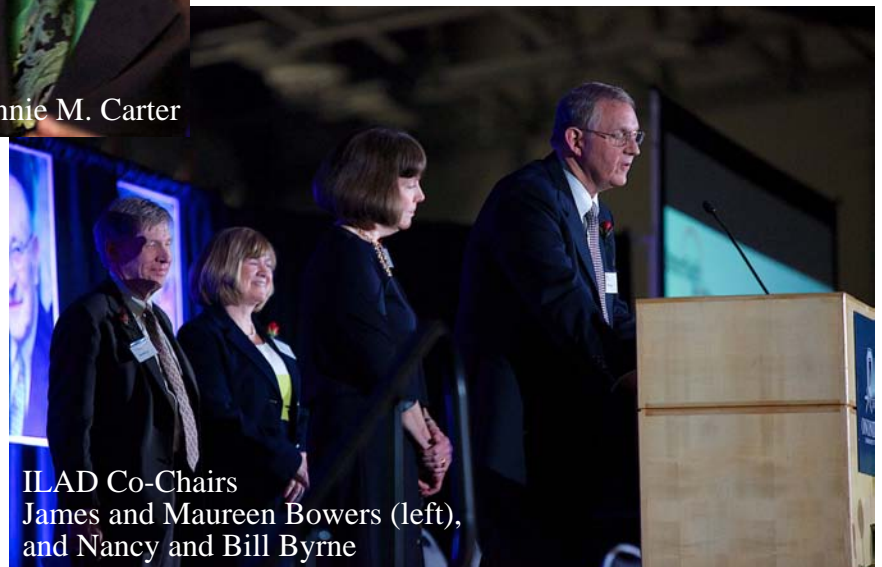
Roslyn Bilford



Rev. Nebraska (right) and Fannie M. Carter

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James and Maureen Bowers (left),
and Nancy and Bill Byrne

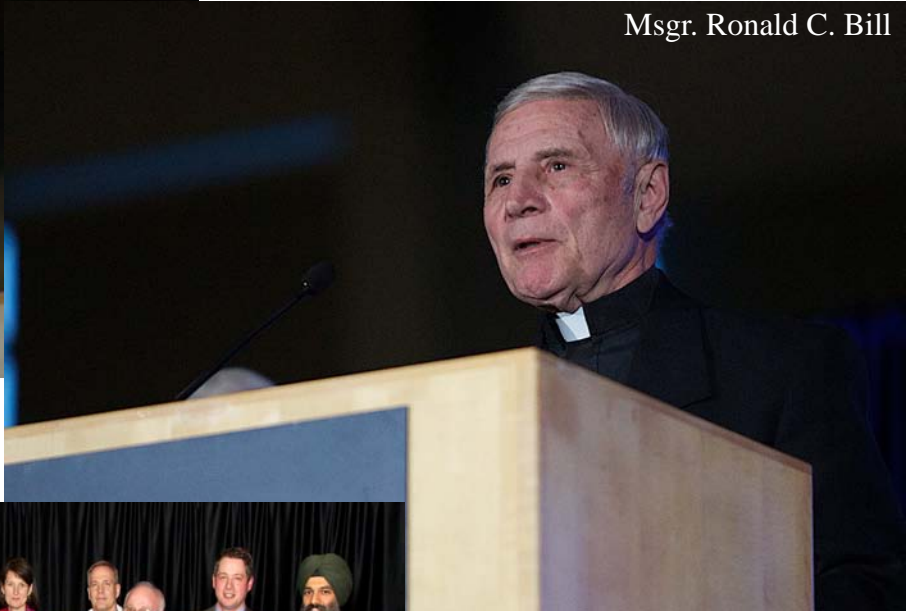
A full house of more than 500 attendees came together to celebrate the lives, accomplishments and service of two couples and four individuals. Roslyn Bilford, Msgr. Ronald C. Bill, Rev. Nebraska and Fannie M. Carter, Bob and Ruth Colvin, Michael A. Moss, and Nona D. Stewart were honored for giving wonderful service to our community and the greater human family for many decades. Through advocacy and assistance for older people, working with people struggling to improve neighborhoods and daily life for people who are poor, establishing an urban church to serve spiritual needs and improve living conditions, addressing the need for literacy education and local business development in our community and around the world, acting to establish and sustain non-profit organizations and serving the resettlement needs of refugees, the 2013 ILAD honorees have truly given lifetimes of service.

Michael A. Moss



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Rev. William C. Redfield (left)
 presents Nona D. Stewart

PACE CNY Announces Volunteers of the Year

PACE CNY is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2013 Volunteers of the Year Award: Patricia Boylan and Theresa Wichert, both of Mattydale, NY. These two women are commended for selflessly volunteering their time and enriching the lives of elders in the PACE program.

Each year two volunteers are selected from the PACE CNY community due to their exceptional participation and unmistakable impact on the lives of those with whom they work. This year's volunteers have been recognized by the staff and participants as outstanding members of the PACE team.



(Left to right) Recreational Therapist Kara Gemmill, Director of Interfaith Senior Companion Program Larry Crinnin, Volunteer of the Year recipient Theresa Wichert, Recreational Therapist Orion Roeder, and Volunteer of the Year recipient Patricia Boylan.

Patricia Boylan is a volunteer with the PACE CNY Therapeutic Recreation Department. After joining merely for the pleasure of socializing, it became clear she had a natural gift and became a "recreation powerhouse." Recreational Therapist Orion Roeder describes Pat as excelling "at connecting with participants 1:1 and in small groups" and that she often "uses her connection with participants to provide individualized recreation." Described as being very humble, Pat is now given the spotlight as a 2013 Volunteer of the Year Award recipient.

Theresa Wichert, an InterFaith Works Senior Companion, has been volunteering at the PACE CNY Sally Coyne Center for two years. Her efforts have led to the creation of a large Bible Study group that enables seniors to share in their faith. That same Bible Study group put on a special Christmas concert this past year at the day center. According to Volunteer Coordinator, Ginny Turley, Theresa has an important impact on those she meets. "Participants' spiritual lives are reinvigorated. Her personality and the spirit within her have had the greatest impact on our participants' lives."

PACE CNY has served Central New York elders since 1997. They work to help elders remain in their community by providing alternatives to nursing home placement, working to maximize independence and emphasizing prevention and wellness for a healthier state of living.

CNA Launches New Venture In Language and Law

Exciting new activities are taking place at InterFaith Works' Center for New Americans (CNA) as they launch a new project. On target to meet the goals of the ADVANS plan for program growth, CNA has received a three-year grant award of \$322,550 from the New York State Bureau of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance to provide immigration legal assistance and intensive on-site

English as a Second Language (ESL) classes to our clients in the Cuban Haitian Entrant Program. While this population is the target for this award, this funding will enable the center to become Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) recognized, and have staff accredited to provide legal support services to all arriving populations. Likewise, the intensive English classes will be available to all employable refugees needing accelerated preparation in order to better find gainful employment.

Maria Beltran, a veteran CNA caseworker, and a native Spanish speaker, will coordinate the legal services activities. Eve Tamela, Coordinator of the Center's Early Literacy program, and a Certified ESL teacher, will lead the intensive English program. Along with Maria, three additional staff members will seek BIA accreditation, and are scheduled to start training this June.



Join Us For World Refugee Day!

Saturday June 22, 2013

The celebration begins at 10:00 a.m. with a parade from the Northside CYO to City Hall for the Mayor's proclamation at 11:00 a.m. A free festival in Hanover Square will follow from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.

NYS Senator David J. Valesky Honors InterFaith Works Executive Director With Woman of Distinction Award

New York State Senator David J. Valesky (D-Oneida) named InterFaith Works Executive Director Beth A. Broadway as the 53rd Senate District's "Woman of Distinction." As part of the New York State Senate's 16th Annual Women of Distinction celebration, Broadway was honored on the Senate floor at the New York State Capitol in Albany.

"I am very pleased to recognize Beth Broadway as the 53rd Senate District's Woman of Distinction," Senator Valesky said. "She has committed a tremendous amount of time and effort toward positive change in Central New York, and the effects of her work are evident throughout the community."

InterFaith Works, a not-for-profit agency founded in 1976, aims to build cross-cultural bridges of understanding between the many ethnic, religious and socio-economic groups in Central New York. It offers programs to settle refugees, serve seniors, provide chaplains and create opportunities through dialogues to end racism and promote understanding. Broadway was named Executive Director in 2010.

Previously, she led the agency's Community Wide Dialogue to End Racism (CWD), which works in elementary schools, middle schools, high schools and with adults to break down stereotypes, build solid relationships and address the systemic problem of racism in the community. She initiated the annual Duck Race to End Racism, a fundraiser and community festival now in its eleventh year.

In addition, Broadway is the designer and facilitator of The Leadership Classroom, a project of the Central New York Community Foundation, which trains and equips neighborhood leaders to develop projects that improve city neighborhoods and engage neighborhood residents in their community. She was the principal consultant on the development of the City of Syracuse's neighborhood planning program, Tomorrow's Neighborhoods Today.

(Text excerpts courtesy of the Office of Sen. David J. Valesky)



Photo: New York State Senate Photography

Senator David J. Valesky presents Beth A. Broadway with the 53rd Senate Districts "Woman of Distinction" award on the New York State Senate floor

23rd Annual Spiritual Care Day to Feature Speaker Olivia Ames Hoblitzelle

The 2013 Spiritual Care Day keynote speaker Olivia Ames Hoblitzelle will share discoveries made with her husband Harrison (Hob) as they traveled the road of his progressive dementia together. Both teachers and therapists with many years of Buddhist meditation practice between them, Olivia and Hob made the decision to approach his diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease through the lens of the Buddhist teachings of mindfulness and compassion.

Ms. Hoblitzelle will share insights gleaned from their unique journey and give practical tips to help us minister more effectively to persons living with dementia and their caregivers. Her acclaimed book, *Ten Thousand Joys and Ten Thousand Sorrows* will be available for purchase and may be signed by the author following the program.



Photo: Barrie Fisher Photography

Olivia Ames Hoblitzelle

Spiritual Care Day will be held on Thursday, October 24, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Crouse Hospital-Marley Education Center, Syracuse; registration is \$30 (\$25 age 62+); for more information and to register, contact Rev. Roberta Yackel, Interfaith Works Director of Spiritual Care, at (315) 449-3552, ext. 111; or email ryackel@interfaithworkscny.org.

Melvin C. Coleman Scholarship Applications Now Being Accepted

Individuals preparing for ordination are invited to apply for financial assistance from the Melvin C. Coleman Interfaith Theological Fund, administered by InterFaith Works.

The Coleman Fund provides a stipend to be paid annually to select Central New York applicants beginning graduate study, or who are currently enrolled in a graduate program, in preparation for ordination. The award will be made to qualified individuals in financial need, regardless of religion or creed.

A punch press operator for the Carrier Corporation, Melvin Coleman's story embodies perseverance. He had a limited education - at 49 years of age, he couldn't read or write until a friend, Bob Colvin, taught him the basics of reading and writing. Melvin wanted more after realizing the importance of basic skills, so he attended adult education classes, eventually earning his GED. In 1965 he became a charter member of the Literacy Volunteers Board of Directors, representing student interests.



In this archive photo from 1970, Melvin C. Coleman works with 2013 ILAD honoree, and Literacy Volunteers of America Founder, Ruth Colvin.

For further information and an application, please contact Marcy Bowles at (315) 449-3552, ext. 101, or email mbowles@interfaithworksny.org. For consideration, completed applications must be received by August 31, 2013.

THE PROGRAMS OF INTERFAITH WORKS

OUR MISSION: InterFaith Works, through education, service, and dialogue, affirms the dignity of each person and every faith community and works to create relationships and understanding among us.

Center for New Americans - Assisting refugee individuals and families in beginning new lives in America and serving as a resource and cultural center.

Community Wide Dialogue to End Racism - Stimulating dialogue on racism to bring about racial justice and healing.

InterFaith Housing and Community Initiatives - Providing low income housing options and stabilizing neighborhoods.

InterFaith Education & Engagement Program - Linking city and suburban congregations to promote interfaith relationships and citizen participation.

Senior Companion Program - Providing friendship and compassionate care to the homebound elderly.

Spiritual Care Program - Offering spiritual care for hospital patients, nursing home residents, inmates, and troubled youth.

If you would like to get involved in any of these programs, visit www.interfaithworksny.org for more information.

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday, June 8, 2013
Duck Race to End Racism
Syracuse Inner Harbor
12:00 - 4:00

Saturday, June 22, 2013
World Refugee Day
Parade from Northside CYO to Hanover Square Jamboree
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 25, 2013
Senior Companion Volunteer Recognition Luncheon
Holiday Inn, Electronics Parkway, Liverpool
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 24, 2013
Spiritual Care Day
Crouse Hospital - Marley Center
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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