

Good Works

Art Donated to Library

Vic Zolinsky, (photo below, right) retired owner of *Napanoch Auction*, more popularly known as *Trader Vic's*, recently donated two works of art to the **Ellenville Public Library & Museum**. The first is a photograph of composer Homer N. Bartlett, (1845-1920) who spent his early years in Ellenville (his former house still stands on **Maple Ave.**). At 17, Bartlett wrote "Polka de Concert." He was, for thirty years, the organist at the Madison Avenue Baptist Church in New York City, before turning his efforts to composing.



The second gift is an engraving entitled "The Towers" by Winfield Scott Clime (1881-1958), an American artist who was associated with the art colony in Cragmoor.

Accepting the gifts on behalf of the **Library**, Director Pam Stocking (photo above, left) acknowledged Mr. Zolinsky's thoughtfulness in providing the community with the opportunity to view the works.

"We are grateful that Mr. Zolinsky has made this contribution to our local history collection," she said, adding that the new acquisitions will be on view at the **Library** in the spring of 2004.



Pizzas aplenty for one and all at the **Fourth Annual Il Paradiso Halloween Costume Party** at **ShopRite Plaza**, Oct. 29th. Preparing the pies is Jimmy Kabashi, left, while Kim Wiederkeher, front center, serves, along with Officer Paul Craft, right, of the **Ellenville Police Dept.**, whose **Police Athletic League (PAL)** helped with the event. Owner Laura Knee, rear center, supervises the magic, which included the outdoor costume contest (photo opposite page, top left).

Il Paradiso's 4th Annual Halloween Costume Party

There aren't many places in the Ellenville area where kids can celebrate Halloween with a Costume Party, Games, Free Pizza & Soda, with a variety of prizes for various costumes, including a fantastic mountain bike as a grand prize.

But this is what happens every year at the **Il Paradiso Restaurant** in the Ellenville **ShopRite Plaza**, which held its Halloween Party Wednesday evening October 29th from 6 to 8 PM.

The 4th annual Halloween event was presented by restaurant proprietor Laura Knee entirely at her own expense, who "just wants to give something back to the community" for supporting her business. An estimated 200-250 children of all ages, and their parents, flocked to the eatery to enjoy the fun-fest at the fully-Halloween-decorated restaurant.

Party-goers could win in any one of three categories: the most original costume, scariest costume, or funniest costume. Costume prizes are awarded in three groups: kids up to 6-years of age; ages 7 through 12; and over-13-years-old, with three winners in each group.

There's also an additional Grand Prize for the overall best costume with the winner being awarded a new mountain bike. All of this is **FREE** to all kids attending.

Topping off the evening, Ms. Knee added, each kid attending received a "goodie bag" when leaving. In order to participate, all the children attending this event had to wear a costume.

To all the hub-bub, music, and a host of kid's games and contests with the restaurant employees (working in Halloween costumes) there to assist in the event, there's also a 50-50 drawing for the benefit of the **Ellenville Police Department's DARE-Mobile**, which is on the scene with youth fingerprinting, etc.

Celebrating her 8th year in business, Ms. Knee plans this annual event for over two months, designing a multitude of games, activities, contests, and just-kids-oriented activities for the two-hour party. In spite of the cost and time, she "goes it alone, and loves every minute of it."

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