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Once Upon a Time...



*Everyone has
a Story*

**BELKNAP COUNTY
CONVOCATION
ON CHILDREN & FAMILIES**

January 23, 2007

**An annual event honoring children and
families in Belknap County**

SCHEDULE

- 3:30pm** Registration, Exhibits, Networking
- 4:30-5:30pm** Youth Performances
- Belmont Elementary School Vocal Ensemble**
Jennifer Shaw, Director
- Prospect Mountain High School Chorale Ensemble**
Jamie Bolduc, Director
- The Stephenson Family Singers from Gilford**
Nancy Stephenson, Director
- The Man Band from Belmont High School**
Isaac Loring, Student Director
- 5:30pm** Catered Buffet Dinner
- 6:15pm** Dinner Program
- My Grandmother's Storybook**
Jeremiah Dadian, Laconia
- Presentation of Schmitt UnSung Hero Award**
Honorable Willard G Martin, Jr
- Do It Now!**
Lois Plimpton, Keynote Speaker
- 7:30pm** Adjourn & Exhibits Close

ANNETTE P SCHMITT UNSUNG HERO AWARD

The Annette P Schmitt UnSung Hero Award recognizes those who have worked quietly behind the scenes on behalf of children and families in Belknap County without any expectation of recognition. This award is presented annually to honor the late Annette P Schmitt, a New Hampshire resident, who at her death donated a large portion of her estate to improving the lives of children and families in the Lakes Region and in New Hampshire. Schmitt funds have supported such projects as the development of the Belknap County Citizens Council on Children and Families.

Award recipients have been involved with children and families during the previous year and over a sustained period of time. They quietly model the principles of Community Justice in their work and lives. Previous UnSung Hero Award recipients include:

- 2002: Juvenile Probation and Parole Officers, Belknap County
2003: Deb Williams, Laconia
2004: Paul Plimpton, Belmont
2005: Dawn McCartney, Barnstead
2006: David Tryon, Tilton

LOIS PLIMPTON

Lois Plimpton, a retired elementary school teacher with close to thirty years in the classroom. Lois has few free moments in her busy life. In addition to spending time with her family that includes Charlie, her husband of 54 years, and their three sons and four grandchildren, Lois is very active with a number of community organizations in the Lakes Region.

Currently, she is a Court Diversion panelist with Youth Services Bureau, the Secretary of the Laconia Human Relations Committee, an officer with the NH Conference of the United Church of Christ, and an active member of the Congregational Church of Laconia where she serves as a member of the Music Committee. Lois is also a busy, longtime member and past president of both the State Chapter and local Theta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, a society of key women educators that has provided support and resources for the intergenerational story-telling project, the theme of this year's Convocation on Children and Families.

As a tireless community leader, Lois has been recognized by Who's Who in American Educators during the 1990s. She and Charlie were the recipients of the Nighswander Award for service to children and families in 1998. Lois received the Douglas Brown Award as director of the Retired Educators Mentoring Assistance Program in 2002, the National Retired Educators Award for Service to Education in 2005, and received recognition as the Lay person of the Year both by the NH Congregational Church Conference, UCC, in 2000, and by the International General Synod, UCC, in 2006.

Lois and Charlie are long-time residents of Laconia.

YOUTH EMCEES

Emily Chase

Belknap County 4-H & Belmont High School

Joe Duplessi

The Teen Center of the Lakes Region & Laconia High School

Danielle Hurschman

The Teen Center of the Lakes Region & Laconia High School

Kayne Kreitzer

Laconia High School

Kirisa Moore

The Teen Center of the Lakes Region & Laconia High School

Kory Morrissette

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