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## 5th Annual The Good News Center dance the night away Fundraiser

February 12, 2011 \* 7-11 pm \* Hart's Hill Inn



### Featuring a "Celebrity" Dance Contest

Jennifer Spring \* New Hartford HS Principal

Fr. Bob Kelly \* St. Paul's Rome

Mary Hamlin \* Assist 2 Sell

Gary Liberatore \* WKTV

Joe Putruele \* WUTQ Voice of New Italy

Doctors Jim & Irene Vanderhoof \* Oneida NY

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Group Dance Lessons with Gina & Luca Esposito

Hors d'oeuvres and desserts.

Door Prizes \* Celebrity Judges



### Emcee:

Marolyn Wilson of Holland Farms



Purchase Advance Tickets: \$45.00

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Tickets are going fast for the fifth annual "Dance the Night Away" fundraiser at Hart's Hill Inn on Saturday, February 12th, for an entertaining evening of dancing, food, fun and door prizes! Last year's event drew a capacity crowd—don't miss out on our community's most talked-about event!

This year's local "celebrities" have been practicing choreography with local dance instructors, Gina and Luca Esposito and their dance partners for weeks while the "celebrity" judges are sharpening their pencils in preparation for the big event.

Emcee, Marolyn Wilson of Holland Farms, will make this an exciting event you don't want to miss. All proceeds support the programs offered by The Good News Center to help strengthen marriages and families in our area. Thank you in advance for your support. Many thanks to our

## Retrouvaille – A Marital Lifeline

*A new year, a new start.*

*Set the stage for a year of healing.*

*Let this be the year to rediscover your marriage...*

**Weekend of March 4-6, 2011**



**Retrouvaille** is a weekend experience designed to help troubled marriages.

Spouses are helped to uncover or reawaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. For couples that are hurting, considering separation or divorce or for those who have already separated or divorced and would like to try again, this weekend will help couples find a new way of looking at themselves and one another. Make a resolution to throw your marriage a lifeline!

"Love doesn't commit suicide. We have to kill it. Though it often simply dies of our neglect."

—Diane Sollee  
smartmarriages.com



### ***A Message from our Executive Director...***

Why do we offer marriage and family programs here at The Good News Center? We believe that the best way to evangelize in the world today is to strengthen the family. The best gift that a husband or wife can give to their children is to love their spouse in an extraordinary way. Not material things like cars, expensive toys or the best wardrobe. Somewhere we have gotten the idea that success comes from money and a life of luxury.

Programs like Retrouvaille, Third Option and the Divorced and Separated Support Group teach relationship skills to couples and individuals so that they can pass these skills on to their children. The Good News core values

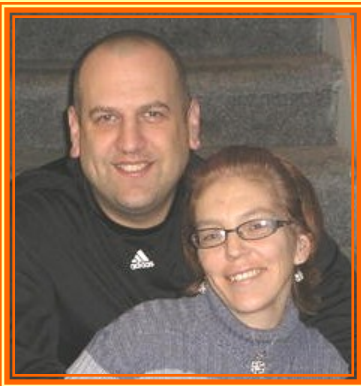
- are:
- *Prayerfully Seeking God's Will*
  - *Serving Others in Christ's Love*
  - *God-Centered Living and Giving*

If you know someone who is suffering in their marriage or is feeling lonely after a separation or divorce, please have the courage to approach them to contact the Good News Center for help. Our low or no cost programs can help people.



### **Thank You to our Generous Donors:**

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### ***Richard + Christina DeRosia: New Seed Bears Fruit***

Rick and Tina were the "perfect couple". Co-workers were completely shocked to hear they had separated after 16 years. Nobody saw the devastation and isolation of a marriage in shambles kept well-hidden behind closed doors. Counselors told Rick & Tina it was in their best interest to separate. But, after months of separation, Rick & Tina realized that saving their marriage was going to take more than just moving back in together. They wanted to walk down a different path in their marriage. Referred to the Good News Center, they came skeptical and guarded to say the least. A year later, Rick & Tina have emerged as the newest among a crop of presenting couples sharing their story of struggle and transformation. So what happened?

Rick says hearing another couple's story that very first night struck him. He related to their pain and began considering the possibility that his marriage, too, could survive. Tina believes the Third Option & Retrouvaille programs work because they immediately hit you with the truth- *you are not alone!* Other couples are right there going through it *with you* learning, stumbling and growing together.

The DeRosias share that learning new communication tools was vital. Through using them, Rick was able to take responsibility for his share of the relationship, realizing it couldn't possibly be *all* Tina's fault. Tina through exploring her family of origin was able to see where "her stuff" came from and understand how it still affects her behavior to this day. Empowered by their new sense of relationship Rick & Tina have eased open the door to yet another relationship, their relationship to God. Not pushed or imposed upon, Rick was asked a simple question: Where does God fit in? Thus began a soul-searching journey that has brought Rick's whole family back to God. The DeRosias have come a long way but living the joy of marriage has only just begun. Can't wait to see what God does with them next!



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## *A Key to a Good Marriage: Irreconcilable Differences*

*"Conflict is bad and causes divorce. Soulmates should agree about most things- and certainly about the important things. Staying in love is not about fighting. Irreconcilable differences are just cause for divorce."* For the many who believe this, research is showing we've been led astray.

SmartMarriages.com proposes the #1 predictor of divorce is the habitual avoidance of conflict! The problem isn't having disagreement & conflict but the *inability to deal with them*. If a couple doesn't know how- or learn how- to fight or disagree successfully, they cripple themselves from doing all the other things they got married to do. Research reveals:

***Happy, successful couples have approximately 10 areas of incompatibility or disagreement that they will never resolve!***

The key is to learn to manage them, live life around them, and to love in spite of areas of difference while developing empathy & understanding for a partner's position. Irreconcilable differences are not reason to divorce but part of every good marriage. Couples can unlearn the behaviors that predict divorce—that destroy love- and replace them with behaviors that keep love alive!

Call or check our website for more information on upcoming and on-going conflict resolution programs