

Post-Script: The Rock Tavern Benefit Concert

[The UU Congregation of Central Nassau (Garden City NY) sponsored a benefit concert on January 21 to help the UU Congregation at Rock Tavern (NY) recover from the loss of its facilities to fire in September 2006. [Read the article](#) in the January Metro NY Minute.]

We built some amazing bridges! C1 worked the sound. The headliner was three-time MAC award-winning Best Male Vocalist, Marcus Simeone. The line-up included Baroque Dancer Rachel List; Reggae Artist Lyn Strong; the Irish Band 7s and 3s -- Chris Ross, Jack Durkin and Eric Spiller; Poet Will Sales; Folksingers Lara Herscovitch, Sharon Goldman, and Meg Braun; 12-year-old Bass Fiddler and Vocalist Mason Sansonia and Rapper Ray. The house band included Bruce Markow -- guitar, Ritt Henn -- bass and vocals, bandleader Michael Sansonia -- piano and vocals, and Len Weinstein -- drums. Joanne Melosh Dezego -- vocals, joined the line-up. (All artists can be reached through Michael or Joanne.)

Thank you JOANNE MELOSH DEZEGO and MICHAEL SANSONIA

Doris Muench coordinated and managed the entire Café which was replete with donations. Included in the gourmet menu was: Baked Ziti, Lasagne, Spinach Lasagne, Chicken Cacciatore, Salad, Garlic Bread. In addition, there was a table filled with with fabulous finger foods; a dessert station, a bar, and a coffee and tea station. Volunteers donated *everything*. They cooked, baked, set up, served, and cleaned up.

Thank you DORIS MUENCH. Thank you VOLUNTEERS.

Our special guest the **Rev. Jim Bridges** (another wonderful bridge builder, no pun intended!) gave us a positive update on how things are going in terms of the rebuilding of the Rock Tavern congregation. He came, and stayed, and enjoyed the entire event. There is already talk of a kickoff concert when it's time to break ground. I am delighted to note that our Benefit Concert raised \$1,500.00 for our sister congregation.

The outcome of living our faith: A Win-Win for Rock Tavern to have additional funds to rebuild. A Win-Win for UCCN to have the opportunity to creatively live our faith.

Thanks to all who supported this benefit.

We can do this. Yes!

Yours, Hope

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