

# Lifestyles

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## Sodality of Our Lady holds theme basket night

The Sodality of Our Lady, part of Fourteen Holy Helpers Church, is sponsoring a theme basket night on Friday, April 9, in Ebner Hall, 1345 Indian Church Road. Doors open at 6 p.m. and drawings begin at 8 p.m. Admission is \$5 and includes 25 tickets to the basket raffle and refreshments. For more information, call Betty at 674-2515.

# Not just for laughs

## Night of stand-up to benefit a good cause

by SAMANTHA ROBINSON  
Reporter

It's been said that "laughter is the best medicine," and comedians Aaron David Ward and Deric Harrington are out to prove just that.

The duo will perform at "Combat Cancer with Comedy," a benefit stand-up show to be held at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at Rane Party Bar, 3036 Seneca St., West Seneca.

Tickets are \$25 and include three hours of open bar and food. The bar opens at 6 p.m. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of West Seneca.

Currently in its 25th year of existence, the Relay For Life unites family, friends and cancer survivors in the fight against the disease.

Teams from local communities camp out and walk around a track for 24 hours straight to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

Currently more than 3.5 million people internationally participate in a Relay For Life event each year.

"Cancer affects virtually everyone, so helping to raise money for the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of West Seneca and eventually elsewhere is becoming somewhat of a personal crusade for me," said Ward.

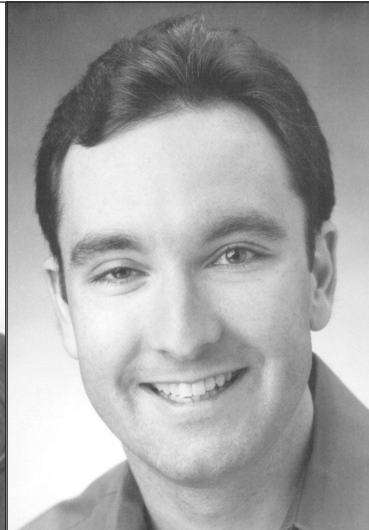
Last year, Ward's father-in-law was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer. Before that, Ward's cousin lost his battle with the disease.

"It's a great cause," said Harrington, whose grandmother died of cancer this year and has particularly strong ties to the event.

"I was surprised to find out



Deric Harrington



Aaron David Ward

laughs with his self-deprecating brand of comedy.

Ward and Harrington have known each other for about as long as they have both been doing comedy.

The comedians met eight years ago while performing at an open mic night at a comedy club called the Funny Farm and since then have been involved with numerous benefit shows.

Harrington grew up in Massachusetts and studied to be an actor in college. He later abandoned his Hollywood dreams for a life of stand-up.

"I wanted to be the next Steven Wright. I wanted a distinct style," said Harrington, who admits his act has greatly evolved over the years.

Harrington has since been voted Funniest Person in Upstate New York, as well as the Second Funniest Person in Peoria, Ill.

"I'm comfortable with who I am on stage now," said Harrington.

Ward was 30 years old, recently unemployed and living in his parents' basement when he finally decided to pursue a different path in life and try his hand at stand-up comedy.

"Losing that job was one of the best things that ever happened to me," said Ward.

Ward has performed his routine in more than 12 states and has even nabbed roles in the movies "What I See In The Dark" and "Aftermath." People can also see Ward every week on "The Glenn Slingerland Situation," an Albany-based television program.

For tickets, contact Rane Party Bar at 725-6115 or Marisa Scroger at 914-512-0518.

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### Combat Cancer with Comedy

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- **Other:** The bar opens at 6 p.m. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of West Seneca

how much I could give back being in this industry. It's hugely rewarding."

Although Ward and Harrington may be performing under solemn circumstances, the stand-up will prove to be anything but.

"We're going to get loose a little bit," said Harrington, who's known for his observational comedy and skewed perception of the world.

Ward, who draws on personal experiences and pop culture in his act, will also bring the

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