

District Convention is Aug. 18-22

14-year old to address Veteran's Luncheon

Brianna Cart, founder of Angels over Iraq and Afghanistan, will be the featured speaker at the Veterans Luncheon on Friday at the District Convention.

Angels over Iraq and Afghanistan is more than three years old, and has raised thousands of dollars and collected donations of items which are then shipped to members of the American military serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Cart, 14, lives in Owego and has been honored for her efforts. She recently received a Spirit of Community Award from Prudential Financial, a national awards program conducted in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP).

Prudential explained why she received the award:

"Brianna Cart, 14, of Owego, N.Y., a member of the Tioga County 4-H and an eighth-grade home-schooled student, started a volunteer effort four years ago that has shipped more than 300 boxes of snacks, toiletries, and other items, worth more than \$25,000, to 345 American soldiers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. It began when Brianna overheard one of her mother's hair salon clients talking about mailing packages to soldiers. "I asked my mom if I could do that," Brianna said. She and her mother found a serviceman on a website, purchased some items, wrote a letter, and sent a package to him. When Brianna heard how grateful he was, "I began to realize how important it was to our soldiers to hear from people at home," she said.

How Kiwanians Can Help

Kiwanians who'd like to support Angels over Iraq and Afghanistan can bring donations to the convention. Welcome items include tuna and chicken, protein bars, baby wipes, soup, snacks, magazines, books, batteries, pudding, sunscreen, foot powder and drink mixes.

The group also needs financial support to pay shipping costs. Donations can be mailed to Angels Over Iraq, Attn: Maryanne Vanburger, 2690 Rt17c Owego, NY 13827.

The organization's web site is at www.angelsoveriraq.org.

"Brianna then shipped enough supplies for all of the men in the soldier's platoon, and wanted to do even more. She formed a club of young volunteers called "Angels Over Iraq and Afghanistan," and began raising money for her shipments by hosting donation

drives, teen concerts, car washes, and yard sales. She now spends an average of 20 hours a week fund-raising, shopping, and packing and mailing boxes, and has a core group of 19 young people and close to 45 local organizations helping her on a regular basis."

2010 District Convention Tentative Schedule

Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2010

Registration.....	3-6 p.m.
Governor's Cocktail Reception (by invitation).....	6-7 p.m.
VIP and Board Dinner (by invitation).....	7-10 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 19, 2010

Registration/Credentials/Exhibit Tables	8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
2009-10 Board Meeting.....	9-Noon
On Your Own Tours of Binghamton.....	1-5 p.m.
Past Governors Dinners.....	7 p.m.
Hospitality Rooms	9 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 20, 2010

Past Governors Breakfast (Ticketed Event).....	7-9 a.m.
Past First Ladies Breakfast (Ticketed Event).....	8-9 a.m.
Registration/Credentials/Exhibit Tables	8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Opening Session.....	9:15-11:45 a.m.
Veterans Luncheon (Ticketed Event)	Noon-1:30 p.m.
Forums, TBA.....	1:45-2:45 p.m.
NYDK Foundation Annual Meeting and Elections	3-4:45 p.m.
Convention Honoree Reception.....	5-6 p.m.
Baseball Game	5 p.m.
Past Governor Reunion Dinners	7 p.m.
Hospitality Rooms	9 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 21, 2010

Kaiser, Hixson, KPTC, Brittany Breakfast (Ticketed Event).....	7:30-8:30 a.m.
Registration/Credentials/Exhibit Tables	8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Forums	8:30-11:45 a.m.
Lunch On Your Own	Noon
Caucuses	Noon-1:15 p.m.
House of Delegates	1:30-3:30 p.m.
Past Lt. Governors Meeting	3:45-4:30 p.m.
Religious Services	5-6 p.m.
Gala Governor's Reception.....	6-7 p.m.
Governor's Toast (by invitation).....	6:45 p.m.
Governor's Celebration Dinner (Ticketed Event).....	7 p.m.
Hospitality Rooms	10 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 22, 2010

Memorial Breakfast (Ticketed Event).....	8-9:30 a.m.
Installation of Officers.....	10-11:30 a.m.
2010-11 Board Luncheon (by invitation).....	Noon-2 p.m.

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