

**Lyndon Area Chamber of Commerce  
Stars and Stripes Festival-2010  
PO Box 886  
Lyndonville, VT 05851**

June 1, 2010

Dear Float Participants;

This year marks the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Stars and Stripes Festival. We like to think that Barbara Bona, the Lyndon State College Foundation and all of the other community members who originally started this wonderful family and community tradition would be happy that it continues each summer.

The theme we have chosen this year is **“Hope in Our Community”**. This does not refer to just any one thing or place, but the hope we all have for the future and the confidence and trust that things hoped for will materialize.

We get a lot of questions about how the festival themes work for float building. This theme lends itself to many different ideas:

- Hope that our troops will return safely to our community
- Hope for the children who are growing up here
- Hope for the environment and the wonderful natural resources that surround us
- Hope for the success of all the many generous community resources we have-food shelves, meal sites, Relay for Life, March of Dimes, our churches doing so much for so many, animal shelters and so many others
- Hope for sustainable growth and a strong economy for the area
- Hope for a fun summer with lots of sunshine!!!

As you can see, this theme can lead in many directions. We *HOPE* it leads you to a fabulous parade in downtown Lyndonville on Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>!!!!

Sincerely,  
The Stars and Stripes Festival Committee

Steve Nichols, Annie Guyer, Mary Marceau, Cheryl McMahon, Donna Stark, Shirley Banks, Michael Murphy, Herm Hoyt, Steve Smith, Chief Jack Harris, Cindy Karasinski