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P R E S S R E L E A S E

UNVEILING OF NEW LUCILLE BALL STATUE

IN LUCILLE BALL MEMORIAL PARK

July 11, 2016

Save the date – August 6, 2016 – to attend the unveiling of the new statue of Lucille Ball.

Come join us for the unveiling of the new Lucille Ball Statue in the Lucille Ball Memorial Park, Celoron, New York at 12 noon. We will have both the new statue and the iconic "Scary Lucy" that went viral on the internet and was in the news all over the world. Meet the artist, Carolyn Palmer, the Mayor, Scott Schrecengost, the Celoron Board of Trustees, the selection committee and Ernie Boch, Jr., President of Subaru of New England, who made a substantial donation to the Village of Celoron to create a new statue. The Junior Guilders will be performing. Area bakeries will be providing birthday cupcakes to celebrate Lucy's birthday and the arrival of the new statue.

Carolyn Palmer is an accomplished sculptor from the Hudson Valley Region of New York State with a satellite studio in Saddle River, New Jersey. Her passion is creating larger than life-size bronze busts and figures, many of which are displayed in prominent museums and public venues as well as in various private collections.

Carolyn's most recent work was a spectacular sculpture of Pope Francis displayed in the entrance of the Papal Residence to greet the Holy Father. The Holy Pontiff performed a special benediction over it during his visit to the USA in 2015.

Another prestigious commission was for the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum in Hyde Park, New York where she created two dynamic bronze busts of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt for the main entrance of the newly renovated Library. Her sculptures have been on loan at the New York Historical Society in New York City, the Sara Deleno Roosevelt House and the New York State Museum in Albany, New York. She has also created a bronze Thomas Jefferson which highlights the lobby of the Jefferson Center in Syracuse, New York. CBS discovered her talent and are presently renting her sculptures for the set of their television series, "Madam Secretary."

The unveiling of the new statue will be a part of a new event, the Chautauqua Lake Dragon Boat Race and Festival, taking place in Lucille Ball Memorial Park on August 5th and 6th. Come watch the Dragon Boat races, witness the unveiling of the new statue, enjoy some of Lucy's birthday cupcakes and the other festivities. Practice for the race will take place on Friday night, August 5th. Food and craft vendors will be on site. An adult beverage area will be available and a performance by "We Speak Canadian" in the bandshell from 6 to 9 P.M. Saturday is race day. At 4 P.M. the Rubber Ducky Race will be held. The awards ceremony will take place at 5 P.M.