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## 4 honored with Val-Kill Medal in Hyde Park

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The recipients of the 2009 Eleanor Roosevelt Val-kill Medal Awards sing God Bless America after the candle lighting ceremony Sunday, October, 18, 2009, at the Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill in Hyde Park. From left are the Honorable Madeleine Kunin, the Honorable Judith Kaye, Jeh Johnson and the Anderson Center for Autism representative Neil J. Pollack.

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**HYDE PARK** — Four honorees were praised Sunday afternoon during the 2009 Eleanor Roosevelt Val-Kill Medal ceremony.

Jeh V. Johnson, an architect living in the Town of Poughkeepsie; Judith S. Kaye, former chief judge of the state of New York; Madeleine Kunin, former governor of Vermont and United States ambassador to Switzerland; and the Anderson Center for Autism in Staatsburg were awarded medals. The event, which is in its 23rd year, was held at the Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill.

The medals are given to people who have made significant contributions in the arts, citizenship, community service, education, philanthropy and other humanitarian causes. The winners are people who represent the spirit of Eleanor Roosevelt.

“What bonds all these honorees together, these four extraordinary people who have achieved what they have, is the empathy that they bring to all of us,” said Pleasant Valley attorney Albert M. Rosenblatt, a retired member of the state Court of Appeals who presented the medal to Kaye. “It’s just so inspiring to know that what gave them this recognition is that they are known to help others.”

Check Monday’s edition of the Journal for more coverage of the Val-Kill Medal ceremony.

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