

## **Andover Alumni**

This was our 87th annual Alumni Banquet. Not only was it the 117th graduating class, It was also the New Andover School Departments 1st graduating class.

The evening started with social hour and remembrance. Comments were...It seems like old times being back at the Town Hall.

First class to be brought in was the class of 1966 celebrating their 50th reunion. Those in attendance were Carolyn Simmons Merrill, Peggy Mills Madigan, Gary Marston, Donna Meisner Libby, Nancy Glover Brooks, Sandra White Delano, Sue Richards Patrick, Becky Learned Wright, Julia Akers Gribbin, Roger Jones, Howard Perkins, and Patty Emonds Clark.

Then we welcomed the graduating class of 2016. Naomi Carr, Lisa Gammon, Brianna Vitale, Dakota Hutchins, Cassidy Smith, and Calvin Glover.

Reverend Jane Rich began the evening's events with the invocation.

Jeff and Katie Swasey Benson along with their staff, put on a delicious meal. Andover School Departments Superintendent Jack Turcotte spoke and was accompanied by his wife Chris. Master of Ceremonies was alumni Steve Hall. Todd Porter was our guest speaker class of 1985.

As always many many scholarships and memorials awards were presented Reverend Jane lead the benediction to end another wonderful year.

Many thanks go to Ross Swain for always doing the address labels. The waitstaff Hunter Nadeau, Jodie Putnum, Sean Luce and Jacob Rainey great job for stepping up and helping.

As always, anyone who would like to be part of this great tradition you are welcome.

Andover Alumni committee  
Paula Lee  
Rhonda Jodrey  
Peggy Madigan  
Melinda Averill

## **Andover Service Circle**

Andover Service Circle (ASC) is a service-minded organization known affectionately as the helping hands of Andover. Its membership meets monthly to respond to individual and community needs. An emergency committee addresses any crises between meetings.

With primarily a local focus during 2016, ASC monetarily supported a number of worthy causes. Financial relief was provided to temporarily disabled Andover citizens in need of emergency assistance. The Circle found ways to advance funds that reached needy children in Andover and youth in the Maine foster care system as well, and partly funded the local Easter Egg Hunt. The Andover Food Pantry was helped throughout the year. Annual donations were given to the Andover Educational Fund and the Olde Home Day Committee. A donation was forwarded to the Andover Summer Concert Series. And, ASC's scholarship commitment was gladly fulfilled.

Additionally, The Town of Andover was gifted a number of new American Flags along with equipment to hang them. Andover Elementary was supplied with some new kitchen utensils and, an electric stapler was also given to the school. The need for the refurbishing of the Andover Town Garage sign started in a discussion at an ASC meeting. The finished project took the village of Andover working together. Contributors to the project included members of ASC, East Andover Community Club, Andover Fire Department, artist Pamela Berry and Selectman Jim Adler. In the end, we have Jim Adler to thank for the artistry he used to refurbish the sign and to have it reset on the garage.

A newborn was welcomed with a spoon and homemade quilt. As is ASC's practice, the membership remained ready to provide baked goods for funerals and memorials. Get-well and sympathy cards were sent. Holiday cards went out to local shut-ins and residents of the Rumford Community Home. Further, according to the group's tradition, the members of ASC provided a pre-holiday meal to our elderly and disabled. The hearts and stomachs of attendees were warmed in October at the 14th Annual Senior Appreciation Dinner which was held in the festively decorated Town Hall.

Throughout 2016, ASC engaged in fundraising activities and accepted donations. During the Andover Town Meeting break, for the 11th consecutive year, the Circle served a hot meal. Monies were collected for rentals of exhibit space on the Andover Town Common for the 36th annual Olde Home Day, and the Circle manned a booth collecting donations for 50/50 chances. Western Maine's Firemen's Association requested that the Circle host the group's annual dinner; the meal constituted for ASC an unexpected 2016 fundraising event. In addition, ASC sponsored the 12th Annual Andover Olde Home Days Road Race under the able volunteer direction of Brie Bailey, who stepped in at the retirement of the event's wonderful founder AnnMarie Mahar.

Ticket auctions were conducted on Olde Home Day and during the second annual Andover Elementary School Craft Fair which was held late in November. Additionally, ASC conducted its third raffle with sales running from October through the Craft Fair. As in the year before, two drawings ended the 2016 event. One prize was the ever popular RADA cutlery display kit; the other prize, that of a whimsical Quilting Angel Collector Doll, was designed and donated by local artist Pamela Berry.

ASC wishes all to know that new members are always welcome. To this end, during 2016 the Circle expanded its full and associate memberships by three persons - Sandra Clement, Marcia Rajaniemi and Brie Bailey. In closing, if you want to be where your efforts make a significant difference, join the organization. ASC recognizes that each member enriches the whole.

Sincerely,

Andrea Bretz Savitz  
President

Members: Evelyn Bodemer, Vice-President; Sandra Clement; Twyla Dolloff; Becky Freeman; Ellen Hutchins; Rhonda Jodrey; Ruby Kulpa; Robin Lincoln; Peggy Madigan; Yushan Merrill; Judy Michaud, Secretary/Treasurer; Sue Mills; Lora Owings; Eileen Pew; Marcia Rajaniemi; and Christine Swain.

Associate Members: Brie Bailey, Pamela Berry, Amber Cooper, Cindy Gammon, Carol Holtzman, AnnMarie Mahar, Julie Merrill, Susan Merrow, Jennifer McPherson, and Charlie Mills.

## **Animal Control**

This year was the year of the rabbit. We have had two stray rabbits that were caught running loose in town. We also had several abandoned cats that were caught and either rehomed or taken to the shelter.

There were several dog complaints. Some barking issues, and some not controlled by their owners. If you own a dog and it will not stay on your property then it cannot be left outside unsupervised. A dog running into the road after a walker or bike is a danger to both the walker/biker, and the passing traffic. This can result in injuries to all parties, and summonses for the dog owner. Keep your dogs contained.

Licensing seems to have gotten better but we still have people that feel they do not need to license their dogs. This is not an option, this is state law and will be enforced.

Lastly, we are hoping to revamp the animal control ordinances to have them all together and in-line with each other for the ease of all that need them. I thank you for this past year, and look forward to serving the Town of Andover for another year.

Respectfully,  
Susan Milligan  
Animal Control Officer

## **Code Enforcement and Plumbing Inspector**

As the Local Plumbing Inspector for the Town of Andover, Maine I issued eight (8) External Plumbing (Septic) Permits and eight (8) Internal Plumbing Permits.

An External Plumbing (Septic) Application (Form HHE-200) requires a Septic System designed by a State of Maine Certified Site Evaluator. Three (3) copies of the Application must be signed by the applicant/owner and submitted to the Plumbing Inspector for approval.

An Internal Plumbing Application (Form HHE-211) must be completed and signed by the owner/applicant. Three (3) copies must be submitted to the Plumbing Inspector for approval.

External Plumbing (Septic) and Internal Plumbing Permits must be issued before the work is started.

The best way to contact me is by sending an email to me at [rtfolsom@megalink.net](mailto:rtfolsom@megalink.net) or by calling the Town Office (392-3302) and leaving your name, telephone number and a message for me to contact you.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Sincerely,

Robert T. Folsom, Sr.  
Andover Local Plumbing Inspector  
Andover Code Enforcement Officer

## **Comprehensive Committee**

The Committee to Research Alternative Forms of Government for the Town of Andover Maine respectfully submit the following comments:

The town budget cannot currently support a fair and comparable salary with benefits for a Town Manager therefore we do not find this a viable option for the next few years or until Andover experiences a significant business economic growth.

The current system of Selectmen and Town Office employees is an established system that needs updating and organization. Otherwise it functions quite adequately for our small village and budget.

Recommendations but not limited to:

1) Town office phone system needs updated to more technologically friendly to both staff and residents such as but not limited to:

cordless handsets and/or headsets; forwarding system to cell/land phones of Selectmen; auto answer options to streamline connectivity to proper staff member

2) Policies and procedures, job descriptions, responsibilities and qualifications of all town employee positions should be in a clearly identified binder and updated and reviews by Selectmen and department heads if such exists.

3) A separate and clearly identified binder should be created then updated and reviewed yearly for the position of Town Selectman. This binder would be used to orient the new Selectman each year, if such occurs, and be a guide for all Selectmen with the following information but not limited to:

A: Policies and Procedures for the position

B: Responsibilities and Tasks

C: Deadlines as required by the Town, County, State and Federal agencies

D: Instructions for completing tasks such as but not limited to: Taxes, Budgets, meetings, employee reviews, etc.

E: Resources List of state agencies and the such for education and assistance in learning and completing tasks

4) A time management seminar, on-line course, or workshop is recommended for each Selectman in order to improve tasks and responsibilities being completed in a manageable time frame.

5) Communication between town office personnel and Selectmen needs improvement. It is recommended that Selectmen hold a monthly staff office meeting to include but not limited to the Town Clerk, Tax Collector, and Treasurer.

6) The task of Assessing is one of the most consuming responsibilities of the Selectmen. The committee recommends and supports the reevaluation of the Town of Andover in order to reduce the burden of assessing by the Selectmen.

Kyra J Suwak, Chairman

Leo Camire

Donna Libby

Peg Madigan

Greg Peaslee

## **East Andover Community Club**

2016 has been a good year for the membership of the East Andover Community Club. Meetings have been held according to the club schedule and members have enjoyed gathering together for club functions. Thanks to the Calvary Bible Church for generously allowing us to conduct meetings in their activity room. Throughout the year, birthday, anniversary, graduation, get well and sympathy cards have been sent to East Andover residents as the occasion came about. In the spring and again in the fall, food auctions are held at club meetings which help fund the club's donations.

Annual election of club members was held and the following were voted in:

President – Barbara Meisner  
Vice-President – Glenna Allen  
Treasurer – Sandy Wainwright  
Secretary – Cookie Thew  
Asst. Treasurer – Philena Chaisson

Club members are: Sandra Wainwright, Sarah Woodbury, Glenna Allen, Sandra Clement, Paula Lee, Marge Towne, Barbara Meisner, Mary Bailey, Cookie Thew, Beatrice Schneider, Philena Chaisson, Samantha Luce and Shirley Geloran. Scholarships and awards were presented to senior class members from Andover. The East Andover Community Club awards were given to Cassidy Smith and Dharma Damon and the Lila Farrington award was presented to Brianna Vitale at the Annual Alumni Banquet in May.

In August, our annual picnic was enjoyed by members at the Town green on a lovely summer day. Following that, in September, members met at the River Valley Grill in Rumford for the annual club banquet. New this year, club members held a "trunk sale" in Town. Receipts from the sale were split between donation to the Calvary Bible Church and club members.

This year's Christmas Fair, held at the Andover Town Hall was very successful for the club. Homemade breads, pies, cake, cookies and other goodies were sold. A beautiful Holiday theme gift basket created by Club members included the last Club cookbook was raffled successfully. The final meeting of the year was held in December with a vote in favor to make donations to the Andover Educational Fund, the Food Pantry, the Hungry Kingdom and the Calvary Bible Church Sunday School.

Club members expressed their thanks to Jim Adler for repainting the Wilbur Chenery sign and replacing it on the public works building  
Respectfully submitted, Cookie Thew

## **Town Hall Committee**

We have continued to work on the town hall with some work done both inside and out. The front hallway is coming along nicely as we repair and paint the walls and ceiling. The outside work consists of works on the window frames and corner wood - scraping and repainting as well as some repair to the outside door frame to the old selectmen's office which has rotted from water splash from the roof. Weather is now an issue both for outside work and for the unheated spaces inside!

We do plan to continue as we have been through this next year at least.

Sincerely  
The committee  
Elissa Thibodeau, Chairperson  
Jere Melzer  
Freeman Farrington  
Brian Myers