

Grantham Indoor Teams Up With VNA

On December 7, Mitch Stone, Director of Operations at Grantham Indoor in Grantham, gave the Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association (LSRVNA) a very special Christmas gift. With a theme of "kids helping kids," Stone arranged for a percentage of all Grantham Indoor soccer league registration fees from last July and August to support the LSRVNA's pediatric programs.

"This sign-up drive, which included children age six through adults, gave our participants an opportunity to help area children and families, and to do so through an activity which promotes a healthy lifestyle. It teaches young people about community service and reminds everyone that there are many people in need right in our backyard," says Stone.

LSRVNA's pediatric programs include care for acutely and chronically ill children as well as care for healthy kids through its well-child services, which include annual exams and immunizations. Also offered are pediatric hospice and bereavement, SIDS counseling, parent-child programs, and prenatal care.

Grantham Indoor is a growing facility offering activities from soccer leagues to a golf driving range. Because Grantham Indoor and LSRVNA serve many of the same communities, this partnership enhances the work and mission of both organizations.

For more information about Grantham Indoor, call (888) 576-1116 or visit GranthamIndoor.com. For more information about LSRVNA, call 526-4077 or visit LakeSunapeeVNA.org.

Blackwater Grange

By Willis Nowell
Blackwater Grange #152

Blackwater Grange met on December 9 for a pot luck supper with eleven members. The supper was followed by a short meeting, and presents were exchanged.

The Grange hopes everyone had a very Merry Christmas and wishes everyone a Happy New Year.

Our next meeting will be April 14. See you then.



Honorary members of the Andover Service Club - Jan Williams, Margie Fenton, Marge Leber, and Arline French. Not pictured: Maxine Boyd, Polly Carson, Betty Hendley, Elsie Hubbell, Frances Huntoon, Rosalie Ovenden, and Barbara Upton.
Photo by Sharon Darling

Andover Service Club News

By Diane Rice and Sara Tracy-Arone
Andover Service Club

The Andover Service Club held its annual Holiday Luncheon at the Potter Place Inn on December 8. The special occasion was marked by the gifts of poinsettias to the Club's honorary members. Many of the honorary members have been past presidents and all have done exceptional work on behalf of the Club for over 25 years. Poinsettias were also taken to Club members who are residents of local nursing homes or who are in the hospital.

The lovely tree which sparkled in front of the Town Hall each night of December reflected the spirit of many community organizations coming together for the pleasure of town members and passers-by. Thanks go to Vicky Mishcon and the Swift Water Girl Scouts for the bird food garlands which decorated the tree and to the members of the Andover Service Club who treated guests to mulled cider and sweets.

A special thanks goes to Andover's own "G Force," Lions Club members who have been the stewards of the tree and its lights for years. Their names are George Kidder and George Upton. Along with Lion Jim Goody and Andover Service Club's Sara Tracy-Arone and Proctor's Roger Leach, the

lights were strung up with care for all to enjoy.

The next meeting of the Andover Service Club will be held as usual on the second Wednesday of the month, January 12, as is our custom from September through June. The program will include speaker Katie Lafiocsa talking about a semester at the Sorbonne. All are welcome to attend. The next Executive Board meeting will be held Tuesday, January 4 at the Thrift Shop at 1 PM.

May the New Year bring health and happiness to all.

Council On Aging Serves Area Seniors

By Judy Chapin
Kearsarge Area Council On Aging

The Kearsarge Area Council On Aging, or COA, aims to enhance the quality of life of area residents over 55. We make life easier by offering services such as transportation. We make it more enjoyable by offering workshops, lectures, book clubs, outdoor and indoor exercise. We also offer day or overnight trips to places seniors might otherwise not visit.

These are important services, because statistics show that seniors who have places to go and the means to get to them, things to do, things to think about, and people other than themselves to think about do much better physically and mentally than their peers who do not have available or take advantage of these opportunities.

At COA you can play bridge one day and go kayaking or snowshoeing the next, then follow it all up with a movie on Sunday. There is no end to the opportunities you can take advantage of through COA, including:

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