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despair of doing anything about the weather. And the Masons keep the conversation fuelled with lively quips and hot coffee.

If you haven't treated yourself to pancakes and some good neighborly yackety-yack in Potter Place on a gloomy winter morning, you're missing one of the many little things that make life in Andover so special.

Everyone Pitches In

It takes a small army of dedicated volunteers to bring us the Masons' Pancake Breakfast. Chef Kevin Sleeper is a regular fixture in the kitchen, while his dad Sterrett keeps the banter lively. Bernice Nowell supervises operations, and Bill Ekberg from Belmont and Skip Powers both help serve.

Willis Nowell manages the signs on the highway and greets diners as they arrive. Grace Stetson and Charlotte Clark set up the dining room and Paul Fopiano helps with clean-up in the kitchen.

Others in the community help, as well, and should the morning's crew start getting swamped, diners have been known to finish their breakfast and get up to help.

The Masons serve pancakes and freedom toast, home fries, bacon, and sausage for \$4 at the Masonic Lodge on Cilleyville Road from 6:30 AM to 9:30 AM on the second Saturday of every month.

COA from page 17

One of COA's Friendly Visitors will come and spend some time with you.

• Have a sore knee or hip? Can't get around easily, or your spouse is bed-bound for a time? COA has a generous supply of medical accessories, such as crutches, wheelchairs, walkers, etc. available to borrow.

"Wow!" you say. "This all sounds expensive." Not so. There is no charge for any of our services (except the day or overnight trips), and there are no dues to be paid.

COA does not accept any Federal or State money and, with the exception of an Executive Director and her assistant, is run entirely by volunteers. All of its funds come from the nine towns it represents (Andover being one of them); from donations from members and other interested persons; and from an occasional grant.

Your COA representative in Andover is Jan Williams. A former COA Board of Directors member, Grace Stetson, also lives in Andover. Give them a call and ask more about what COA can do for you.

Happy Holidays to all from COA!

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nursing homes, too," Kelly said.

French is Coco, the mother clown. She wears a blue wig and carries a blue wiggled doll that she has dressed in a costume to match her own.

French is also a talented photographer and painter. On her work table is a half-finished grapevine wreath, to be decorated with sea shells and dried flowers from Hawaii. Several yards of material will become drapes for a grandson's apartment. A daily swim exercises her hip, and she's trying to find time to write her memoirs for her family.

French likes birthdays, especially hers. "I'm happy being old," she said with a broad smile and a sparkle in her eyes.

Big Brother, Big Sister Programs Back At Proctor And AE/MS

By Alex Estin
Proctor Academy

The Big Brother / Big Sister Program between Proctor and the Andover Elementary/Middle School has started up again after a year's hiatus.

This year we have nine Proctor students matched up with mostly first and second graders.

The program has been going for many years. It started with Proctor students tutoring AE/MS students. Now the Proctor students go to AE/MS for at least an hour per week.

Many of the students would love to be there more than just an hour, but their schedules just don't allow more time.

As Chuck Will, Proctor's Director of Communications, says, "While the program is designed and structured to help little kids form healthy relations with teenagers, the benefit goes the other way, too. The Proctor students learn to be role models, to take responsibility for being punctual, to know the value of service to a community."

Jane Slayton, Principal of AE/MS, adds, "The Big Brother / Big Sister Program has been beneficial to our students. The younger children really look forward to the weekly visits and to the relationships that form. The academic support and positive role modeling is always helpful. The older students seem to gain as much from the relationship as the younger students."

Parent Education Series Continues

By Susan Schultz
AE/MS School Counselor

As part of the Andover Elementary/Middle School's Parent Education Series, Heather Hill, School Nurse and Health Educator, and Susan Schultz, School Counselor, will present "Parenting of the Younger Child: Development and Discipline" on Tuesday, January 11 from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM.

This workshop will focus on children between the ages of five and ten years old. We will discuss normal stages of development and common issues that children face and will share discipline strategies. Time for discussion will be made so that parents can share concerns, questions, and their own experiences, as well as their approaches to discipline. We hope to see you there!

Captain SMYLE To Visit AE/MS

By Jane Slayton
Principal, AE/MS

Captain SMYLE will do a presentation for our younger students on January 6. SMYLE (Save More Young Lives Everywhere) is a remote-controlled, voice-activated robot that rides a tricycle and speaks to school children about bicycle, pedestrian, and school bus safety and the use of seat belts.

The Captain SMYLE presentation is sponsored by the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency. The program was initiated in 1989, and children and teachers throughout the state continue to enjoy the presentations enthusiastically.

There will be two presentations at AE/MS. The first presentation will be at 9:30 for first grade and second grade classes. The second will be at 10:15 for third grade and fourth grade classes. Community members are welcome to attend either presentation.

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ski competitor and coach. As a graduate of Proctor's class of '78, Garry was a top skier at Proctor. He skied all four years on the varsity ski team and was a two-time Lakes Region champ. After retiring from several years as a FIS/USSA skier, Garry coached the Proctor varsity and Eastern teams from 1980 through 1997. Since 1997 Garry has been developing a very successful Buddy Werner Alpine Program at the Blackwater.

While Garry has been a leading force at the Blackwater Ski Area, Garry's wife Lynn and his folks Howard and Ellie George also deserve recognition for their lifetime devotion to the development of youth skiing in the community. We in Andover are lucky to have folks like Garry and his family who continue to give so unselfishly of their time.



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