

# Beacon Bits

# Letters

## It's time for a frank talk about the Beacon's finances.

The *Beacon* is published by a non-profit corporation, but don't be misled – we have bills that must be paid every month, about \$2,500 of them. That's about \$2 per copy of the *Beacon* that arrives as if by magic in your mailbox every month.

The only ways we have of raising the money we need every month are:

- Voluntary membership donations
- Advertisements and sponsorships
- Out-of-town and gift subscriptions
- T-shirt sales at the Thrift Shop

In our first full year of publishing, about 150 of Andover's 1,100 households made a voluntary donation. And we've averaged about 50 paid ads over each of the last several issues.

We need about 300 households' support and about 75 ads per issue to consistently cover our monthly expenses. And given that we've been operating at a loss for over a year, it's absolutely vital that we reach those goals very soon.

So each of us is faced with a very simple decision: Do you want the *Beacon* to continue? If your answer is Yes and you haven't become a member yet, please tear out the coupon below right now and send a check.

If you already are a member, then please participate in this month's Friend-A-Thon. Ask everyone you know if they're a *Beacon* member. If they aren't, encourage them to become one right away. If they are, then ask them to participate in the Friend-A-Thon, too.

Finally, if you own a business, please show your support for our community with an ad or a sponsorship in the *Beacon*. It's a great way to give something back to a great community.

*Charlie*

### Next Month's Beacon...

...should be in mailboxes on Friday, Dec. 2. Please get all ads, articles, etc. to us by **Tuesday, Nov. 15** at the latest. And earlier is always better!

After a brief meeting the Kearsarge Masonic Associates voted to discontinue the pancake breakfasts on a regular basis. It was also decided that due to the age of the equipment and the increased liability of non-members working on the breakfast, it would not be prudent to accept help from others.

We do, however, want to thank those who have offered to help. We hope that after a "rest" we may have an occasional breakfast for the enjoyment of all.

We also owe great thanks to Clayton Nowell for donating the maple syrup everyone enjoyed and to Charlotte Clark, Grace Stetson, Bernice Nowell, and Geri Putney for all of their help. And thanks, too, to the *Beacon* for its help in getting the word out.

The Masonic Hall and its kitchen facilities can still be rented by local individuals and organizations. For more information, contact me at 735-5407 or Skip Powers at 735-6563.

*Stenrett Sleeper*  
Kearsarge Masonic Associates

My name is Rick Janson and I would like to offer my family's sincere appreciation to the Town of Andover, Highland Lake Protective Association, and all individuals recently inconvenienced during the drawdown

of Highland Lake in support of our construction project.

For more than 100 years and for four generations my family has been a summer resident on Highland Lake. Our cottage sits 28 feet above the lake and has suffered over the years from embankment erosion problems.

To prevent the cottage slipping down the embankment and becoming a boat house, I solicited the services of James Buldock of Granite State Engineering, who designed a wall and then worked through the application process, obtaining all the required approvals. Richard Gowen of Gowen Excavation, our contractor, then completed the project, successfully achieving each of our two goals. The first was to slow the eroding embankment by providing a stable base, thereby securing the cottage's future. Secondly, the wall had to be environmentally acceptable.

The greatest challenge was to figure a means to access the work site at the base of the embankment. Most methods suggested were either cost prohibitive or impractical. In order to access the site while protecting the lake's marine balance, the water levels absolutely had to be lowered. In order to draw down the water to the levels necessary a lot of folks were going to be inconvenienced.

In the beginning, Mark Stetson expressed a concern that the water level might not return until after the winter snow melt if the fall rains were not sufficient. Somehow the stars were all

aligned. The lake drawdown was without incident, the work took only four days to complete, and with the heavy rains in the middle of October the lake was quickly brought back to its winter level.

There are too many individuals who contributed to this project for me to recognize separately, but I offer my sincere thanks to everyone affected and to those who contributed to a successful project. Most importantly, my family offers a great appreciation to each and every individual for their sacrifices during the lake drawdown.

With sincere gratitude,  
*Richard A. Janson*

We would like to thank each and every one of our family, friends, and neighbors for all your support. Your help and well wishes have helped us tremendously over these past months. We appreciate the beautiful flowers, cards, and many prayers.

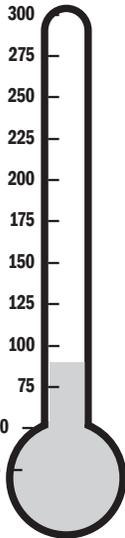
We'd also like to thank everyone for the meals, rides, and offers of help however and whenever we need. There's no real way to express our gratitude for everything you all have done. Just know that we are very grateful and feel blessed to have caring people like all of you surrounding us.

An extra special thanks goes to Chris "Stonewall" Norris for his heartfelt effort organizing the Emery Road fund.

Most sincerely,  
*Shirley & Brian Shaw*

Are there 300 households in Andover that value the *Beacon*? Please help us reach our goal!

Households donating so far in Year Two: 91



## BEACON MEMBERS WIN!

Each month the *Beacon* holds a random drawing among its members to give away valuable prizes provided by area businesses. **Become a member** for a year, support the *Beacon*, and join the fun! This month's winners are:

Artisan's Workshop	Christmas CD	Don & Marilyn Gould
Blackwater Junct. Rest.	Breakfast for Two	Bryant & Adrienne Adams
Bowie's Market	Breakfast for Two	Charlie & Geri Putney
Christie's Indoor Garden	\$25 Gift Certificate	Diane & Bud Rice
Handknits By Judy	Handknit Scarf	Ralph & Barbara Doe
Jake's Market in Andover	\$10 Cash Card	Rich & Stephanie Gross
Mackenna's Restaurant	\$10 Gift Certificate	Betty & Irv Dickerman
Mackenna's Restaurant	\$10 Gift Certificate	Wood Sutton
Andover Service Club	Cookbook	James & Dorothy Keniston

**Winners – contact the Beacon at 735-5331 to collect your prize.**  
*Prizes not redeemable for cash.*

## BECOME A BEACON MEMBER!

Here's my member donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for (check one):  
 Local    Seasonal (\$25 min)    Out of Town (\$25 min)    Gift (\$25 min)

**Local or Out of Town**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone or E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Seasonal**

Other Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone or E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Seasonal: which months are you at the "other" address?  
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