

# ANDOVER HIGH ALUMNI

**By Judy Poblenz Perreault**  
**AHS Class of '53**

Attention "Fabulous Fifties" Andover High School alumni! In keeping with the Fourth of July theme we are looking for AHS graduates of the 1950s to put together a float for the parade. We are thinking Prom and Winter Carnival Kings and Queens, class officers, cheerleaders, team members, and any other interested alumni. Call Judy Perreault at 735-5493 or Shirley Currier at 735-5394.

**Reunion on July 8**

Don't forget the AHS Reunion July 8 at 11 AM at Ordway Recreation Area in Danbury. We have also reserved the Andover Elementary/Middle School so the reunion will be held rain or shine. More details will appear in the June *Beacon*. Out-of-town alumni, I hope you've subscribed to the *Beacon*!

**Howard and Ellie George**

The alumni spotlight this month is on two '50s graduates and longtime Andover volunteers: Howard George, class of '54, and Ellie Smith George, class of '58. Howard is from Andover and Ellie is from Danbury, but they have spent most of their married life in Andover. They have two children: Garry, who works for Proctor, and Sally, who works at the Franklin Hannaford. Howard has also worked for Proctor and the Post Office, and he and Ellie ran The Blackwater Ski Shop for 30 years.

They have both been very active in sports, teaching skiing at King Ridge and Ragged Mountain Ski Area. Howard chairs the Andover Recreation Committee, and Ellie is a member. They both belong to the Lions Club and to the Andover Outing Club.

Howard belongs to the Andover Fish and Game Club and Ellie is a long-time member of the Andover Service Club. If there is a fundraiser, you'll see either or both flipping pancakes, taking money, selling raffle tickets – they've done it all. You'll also see Howard umpiring at the Andover softball and baseball games. (My granddaughter bounced a ball off his head last season!)

Howard's special interest is the ball field at Blackwater Park. It was recently named the Howard George Baseball Field.

He and his son Garry maintain the field. What would our town be like without volunteers like the Georges and others?

**Andy Phelps**

The *Beacon* received a nice letter this month from Andy Phelps '56, who recently subscribed. Andy recalls:

"It was just about 50 years ago that Mr. Ira Stickney loaded his Ford car with seniors to visit Keene State College. I really enjoyed what I saw, and even though I was poor I will never forget the discussion that we had with Ms. Dot Randall and how Mr. Stickney was able to get me enrolled to start in September 1956.

"This led to what I believe was a very successful 41 years of teaching, with 39 of those being at Franklin High."

**Ann Shively**

The *Beacon* received another nice letter this month, this one from Ann Shively Kalbach. Ann says:

"Although I did not graduate from Andover High, I had the happy fortune to spend my freshman and sophomore years there in 1938 and 1939. The mortar had barely dried on the bricks of the school back then, yet very soon we had basketball teams with snappy uniforms.

"Under the coaching of Dorothy Fenton we were a threat to teams from all the neighboring townships. I particularly remember Thelma Harding and Barbara Stone as outstanding players.

"As a writer, I am indebted to Mrs. Fenton for drilling English grammar into my head. Mr. Harlow, the school principal, made the mysteries of algebra clear even to me, although I do recall a class when he called me 'rattlebrain' (a richly deserved epithet).

"At noon we girls paraded the dusty lane leading to the new school, showing off our clunky *de rigueur* saddle shoes.

"My mother, Audrey Shively, was the first Home Economic teacher in Andover High, and she taught us, besides how to make gravy without lumps, which colors became us as much as our saddle shoes. She died at age 101, and often and often we shared fond memories of Andover."

Audrey says she'd love to hear from any of her schoolmates. You can reach her at PO Box 544, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania 19010-0544.

# Andover Service Club News

**By Sara Tracy-Arone**  
**Andover Service Club President**

We will have another Treasure Sale on Saturday, April 29. In addition to household items, we sell fresh baked goodies made by our members. The last few years, we donated our funds raised to disaster relief. This year we will vote on distributing our proceeds to a few local causes.

**Program Committee**

**By Diane M. Rice**

I am delighted to announce that the program for the May 10 meeting of the Andover Service Club will feature Christy Youmell from the Merrimack County Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners Speakers' Bureau. UNH Cooperative Extension has supplied home gardeners with research-based information since 1914. Master Gardeners are trained volunteers who share their experience and their enthusiasm for gardening with the general public. A question and answer session will follow the talk, so please, come prepared with all your gardening concerns!

Deborah Scranton, who was originally scheduled to appear, is unavailable at this time as her recent documentary, *The War Tapes*, has been accepted into the Tribeca Film Festival. She will be in New York for that event as well as preparing for the film's release nationwide.

**Raffle Project**

**By Grace Stetson**

We are continuing with our raffle of two beautiful hooked rugs made by a former member of the Andover Service Club. If you came to Town Meeting in March, you would have seen them there.

I sold tickets at the Colonial Mall in New London and at Blackwater Restaurant on Sunday morning. We have sold all 750 tickets. Marge Leber printed more tickets, so you still have time to get tickets for your chance to win.

**Proctor Birthday Cake Project**

**By Gillian Smith**

ASC members made 18 birthday cakes in April for Proctor students and will be making 13 cakes more between now and the end of the school year.



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Salad

Choice of Entree:  
Rinds Rouladen  
Veal, Pork, or Chicken Schnitzel  
Pork Roast

Three Bratwurst Platter  
Appropriate Starch & Vegetable

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