

# Beacon Bits

The March issue is the climax of the year for the *Beacon*. It's our annual Town Meeting Special Edition, with many extra features that require a lot of extra work.

I'm always very relieved when the March issue goes to press, and very thankful as well – thankful for all the help and cooperation (and patience) the *Beacon* receives from so many of the dedicated volunteers and public servants that keep Andover functioning.

Throughout the long budget season all the Town boards, everyone in the Town Office, the School Board, the SAU, and everyone in the school administration are extraordinarily generous with their time and expertise. Without that tremendous support, the *Beacon* couldn't begin to cover the nuts and bolts of the budgets and other important issues as thoroughly as it does. Thank you, one and all!

### Get A Round Tuit

The March issue is also supposed to mark the end of our annual fundraising drive. About a third of the *Beacon's* annual expenses are covered by voluntary donations. Throughout January and February we try to drum up voluntary donations from Andover residents, each of whom receives the *Beacon* at their Andover address every month at no charge.

This year, the plan didn't work so well. We were hoping at least 275 of the 1,150 Andover households that receive the *Beacon* at no charge would send a voluntary donation. So far, the number stands at about 200.

We have no choice but to keep asking for those donations until we've balanced the books for 2007. So if you haven't yet, please "get a round tuit" and send your donation today!

*Charlie*

### Next Month's Beacon...

...should be in mailboxes on Friday, March 30. Please get all ads, articles, etc. to us by **Thurs., March 15** at the latest. And **earlier is always better!**

# Letters To The Beacon

Oh, how homesick I am, each time the *Beacon* arrives, to read the names of old familiar classmates and well-remembered towns!

I have been in California for more than 50 years, but my heart is still in Wilmot. I graduated Andover High in 1946. Ella Phelps (Mrs. Victor Phelps) and I do correspond the last few years. I would love to hear from any other graduates of '46.

Sincerely,

*Martha Gibbs Foster*  
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I would like to thank the people who have supported me at the meetings in our town. You will never know how much this meant to me.

I hope in times to come you can give our new Andover Girls' Softball organization as much support.

Sincerely,

*Melissa Thompson*

The Andover School Board would like to thank all the members of the Facility Task Force, all the staff at the Andover Elementary/Middle School, and the SAU office for their undying support during the many months that were spent coming up with the bond proposal that the Board is bringing to the voters at the Andover School District Meeting. Many people had to rearrange their schedules to enable their attendance at these important meetings.

All these people worked tirelessly to help create a proposal that would cover three main priorities:

- Space
- Safety
- Spend the taxpayers' money wisely

We feel we have a proposal that addresses these priorities and meets the school's and community's needs for many years to come. Thank you again!

There have been many public meetings and hearings held to discuss the bond project, and the reasons that the Board is bringing the bond vote to the

District this year. The Board has worked to inform the public by using Channel 8, *The Andover Beacon*, public meetings, and many one-on-one conversations with community members. We still believe that some of our voters are not fully informed about the proposed bond. We encourage anybody who has a question to call any member of the School Board.

The Board would like to thank the community for the support it has provided both in the past and at the present time. Without your support, Andover Elementary/Middle School wouldn't be the school it is today.

Please vote at the School District Meeting on Monday, March 5, at 7 PM. A two-thirds majority is needed to pass the bond. Every vote counts!

As always the Board welcomes attendance at any of the meetings. We meet the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 PM in the school library.

Thank you,

*The Andover School Board*

Hi, my name is Brandy Collette, and I am running for one of the two open Library Trustee positions. Unfortunately, my name does not appear on the ballot and as such, I need your sup-

port by granting me your *write in* vote on the March 13 ballot.

I believe the heritage established by both the Bachelder Library and the Andover Library is presently challenged by a lack of public and fiscal support. I wish to reinvigorate this sense of town heritage by establishing greater communication between the community and the library staff regarding the purpose and scholarship these institutions have afforded our community.

As residents of Andover for the past four years, my family and I have made use of and supported the resources available at our libraries. Currently, I provide story hour for our town's children at the Bachelder Library, act as coordinator for the AE/MS Lego Club, serve on the Friends of the Libraries Committee, and have recently started the open community Bachelder Book Club.

Additionally, I served as Parent Representative to the East Andover Village Preschool during the 2003-2004 curriculum years. Currently I am an active AE/MS PTO member and a Den Leader for the Pack 489 Tiger Cub Scouts.

I need your help, so that we as a community can help our libraries grow and continue to nurture our commu-

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## 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:

Andover Pizza Chef	Large 2-Topping Pizza	Herbie & Mary Barton
Andover Service Club	Cookbook	Edna Peters
Blackwater Junct. Rest.	Gift Certificate	Charlie & Mary Lou McCrave
East Andover Marketplace	Gift Certificate	James & Louise Tatkovsky
Jake's Market and Deli	Gift Certificate	Roger & Betty Henderson
Judy Evans	Handknit Scarf	Ed & Mary Hiller
Kearsarge Magazine	1-Year Subscription	Marcia Williams
MacKenna's Restaurant	Gift Certificate	Everett Jones
Mary Kay - Sarah Anderson	Gift Certificate	Ray & Joan Osteen
New Horizons Hairstylists	Hair Care Products	Tim & Suzy Norris

**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 Subscr. (\$25 min)

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

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

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