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\$50. Life Membership is \$150 for one person and \$200 for two.

Andover Lions Club

The Andover Lions Club was organized in 1954 as part of the Lions Clubs International, the largest community service organization in the world. The Club's motto of "I serve" exemplifies the club's strong commitment to providing help to those in need.

The Andover Lions Club provides eye examinations, glasses, and hearing aids to individuals in the community who are in need of these services and lack the financial resources to procure them. The Club also contributes to New Hampshire Lions' activities such as Operation Kid Sight and the New Hampshire Sight and Hearing Foundation.

Each year, all school children in the Andover and Danbury Elementary schools are screened for possible eye and/or hearing concerns. Food and gift baskets are distributed to less fortunate members of the community during the Christmas holidays in Andover and Danbury.

A substantial donation was made to support purchase of playground equipment for the Danbury Elementary school. The Club also provides funds in support of senior citizen trips. Local students who pursue post-secondary

education may apply for scholarships totaling \$1,500.

The Andover Lions Club hosts a variety of fund-raising events throughout the year. One hundred per cent of the monies collected from these activities, such as the Fourth of July Pancake Breakfast, Andover Lobster Bake, annual Rose Sale, and our new Golf Tournament and Calendar Raffle, go to the funding of and support of the above-mentioned projects.

The Andover Lions Club welcomes new members. Please contact Howard George at 735-5590 to express your interest in joining.

Andover Service Club

Our club purpose is to be of service to the people of the community and the state. We wish to broaden and strengthen the social and intellectual life of the members.

Our official calendar of meetings is from September to June with an additional event for the Fourth of July.

In September, we are guests of the Women of Ragged Mountain. In November, with the Lions Club and the Andover Girl Scouts, the ASC lights the Town Tree. The Andover Foodstop hosts our annual Thanksgiving pie sale. December brings our Holiday Themed Luncheon. The club also assists AE/MS families in

need with Holiday food baskets.

January is our Book Review month. In February, we celebrate Valentine's Day with a Yankee Swap. In March, we host a bake sale at Town Meeting and have Guest Night.

April brings the ASC together with the Immaculate Conception Church. They host their annual Rummage sale and ASC holds a Treasure sale and a Bake sale next door at the Masonic Hall.

May is always a fun program, and we complete the year in June with our scholarship distribution at our annual luncheon. In 2006, we awarded over \$14,000. A Fourth of July discussion closes our year out.

This past year, we assisted with fundraisers for the victims of Hurricane Katrina and flood victims in Alstead, New Hampshire. The Thrift Shop produces the majority of funding for our annual scholarships. Membership applications and scholarship applications are both available at the Thrift Shop.

Friends of the Northern Rail Trail

The Friends of the Northern Rail Trail in Merrimack County's mission is to improve, maintain and promote the Northern Rail Trail as a four-season multi-use trail through Merrimack County. Once completed and connected with the Northern Rail Trail in Grafton County, the Northern Rail Trail will stretch 59 miles from Lebanon to Boscawen and will be the longest rail trail in New Hampshire.

In 2006, FNRT received its second grant from the Recreational Trails Program of New Hampshire's Department of Resources and Economic Development. The \$30,000 was used to purchase hardpack to extend the rail trail from Blackwater Park to Switch Road. Peter Crowell of New London donated the labor and equipment to make this possible.

Our application for Transportation Enhancement Funds was approved in state-wide competition. \$206,000 was awarded to extend the trail from Potter Place to Danbury. The funds, which

require a match of \$57,000, should be available in 2010.

Other grants were received from National Park Service's Rivers and Trails Program, the Jocelyn Gutches Fund of New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, Mascoma Savings Bank, and New Hampshire Art Association.

The Sunday Fun Day took place on October 1 at AE/MS, including footraces, bike raffle, silent auction, and huge outlay of food from 16 local restaurants. Dr. Susan Lynch, wife of Governor Lynch, attended and spoke. Alex Bernhard, Ed Dansereau, Edibeth Farrington, Lisa Jelleme-Miller, Nan Kaplan, Mary Kuechenmeister, Charles Martin, Myra Mayman, Ethney McMahon, Lelia Melten, Mike Silverstein, Gillian Smith, Peter Southworth, Mark Vernon, and Bob Ward worked on the event.

Girl Scouts

Andover Girl Scouts currently has 22 girls registered in three troop levels: Brownies (grades 1 and 2), Juniors (grades 3 to 6), and a combined Cadette/Senior troop (grades 7 to 10).

The Andover Service Club is a sponsor of Girl Scouts, and we work on projects together, including the Fourth of July ice cream social and the annual Christmas tree lighting.

Some of the many activities they participate in are Girl Scout Thinking Day, a flag retiring ceremony on the town green on July 3, a float in the Fourth of July parade, camping with girls in the Franklin and Hill troops, a mother-daughter holiday tea, and caroling at local businesses. The older girls visited the local radio station in Franklin.

They also participated in canned food drives, conducting games for children at the Andover Historical Society's Old Time Fair and sending Christmas stockings to soldiers.

The Junior troop and the Cadette/Senior troop are participating in the Worldwide Thinking Day postcard exchange this year, sending about 200 postcards to Girl Scouts or Girl Guides



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BID SOLICITATION

The Andover Board of Selectmen is seeking bids for the **mowing and regular maintenance of the Blackwater Park athletic field** on Lawrence Street in Andover for 2007. Bid specifications can be obtained at the Town Office during normal business hours. Sealed bids will be accepted until 1:00 PM on Friday March 16, 2007.

For more information please contact Town Administrator Mark Stetson at 735-5332.

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