



Participating in the groundbreaking for the New London Hospital's new project are (l-r) Senator Bob Odell, a hospital trustee; Governor John Lynch; Dr. Susan Lynch; Bill Helm, chairman of the hospital's Board of Trustees; Bruce King, President and CEO of the hospital; and Thomas Lucas, MD, president of the medical staff.

New London Hospital Begins Building Towards The Future

Governor John Lynch participated in a Groundbreaking Ceremony on August 30, the official beginning of New London Hospital's \$21 million, 18-month building and improvement project, called Building Towards the Future. Governor Lynch and Dr. Susan Lynch addressed the audience of over 200 assembled guests. Both congratulated New London Hospital for nearly a century of service to the community and for taking steps to ensure another 100 successful years.

Bruce King, President and CEO, and William Helm, Chairman, Board of Trustees, also addressed the audience and thanked the many groups involved in bringing the hospital to this point.

Bruce and Bill acknowledged the provider team, the Friends of New London Hospital, volunteers, and employees for their support and dedication.

Trustees Dudley Smith and Bob Faircloth emphasized the importance of community support. Dudley asked people to remember the significance of the Annual Fund. Bob announced a \$7.2 million capital campaign and said that over \$4 million had already been raised. Both trustees urged the community to be as generous as possible with their support.

Following the formal agenda, various groups gathered with hardhats and shovels to be photographed breaking ground for the project.

New Hampshire Circle Of Home And Family

By Judy Perreault
NHCHF

Seven members of the Halcyon Seekers began the fall season by lunching at the Tilton Diner. We were exploring that all-American institution, the diner. We found the Tilton Diner started life in 1950 as the Monarch Diner in Waltham, Massachusetts, a \$27,000 stainless steel wonder. It later moved to Salisbury and went through several names and owners. In 1992 it moved to Tilton.

Diners grew out of the early lunch wagon trade.

Early diners were equipped mainly with stools at a counter. To attract the ladies, who thought it unladylike to sit on a stool, booths were added. Diners were also given names like Miss Portland or Miss Bellows Falls to help convince the ladies to patronize these establishments which had been considered a male province.

Diners were very popular during the early 1900s and were one of the few businesses that survived the depression. People still had to eat, and diners offered large portions of homestyle cooking at a reasonable cost. They also offer

breakfast all day long.

It wasn't until World War II that women in any numbers worked the counters in the diners. Owners found that women worked harder, cheaper, didn't call in sick, didn't stay out drinking, and also belonged around food. (Remember, ladies, this was 1941.)

Many of the old diners survive today and are still serving generous portions of food like meatloaf, corned beef hash, chicken-fried steak, and macaroni and cheese, to say nothing of bread and grapenut pudding, apple pie, and peach cobbler. We certainly sampled our share of the latter!

We also had some fun with diner lingo. Do you know what you'd be eating if you had Blowout Patches with Zeppelins and a Blond with Sand? Everyone knows it's pancakes with sausages and coffee with cream and sugar.

Next time you're out and about, look for a diner and take a trip down memory lane. To heck with the diet. Have a Brown Cow (a root beer float).

Next month we will be planning our programs for 2008. For more information call Judy Perreault at 735-5493.

Andover Lions Club News

By Diane Rice
Andover Lions Club

The Andover Lions Club continued its fundraising efforts throughout the summer and into the fall, bringing its shiny, refurbished food trailer to the Village Green for Andover's Fourth of July celebration, to Musterfield Farm in Sutton in late August, and to the Danbury Grange Fair in early September. All monies raised will be used towards projects in the community and abroad, thus working towards the Club's goal of better vision and better health worldwide.

Fall projects also included the Second Annual Golf Tournament held at the Country Club of New Hampshire.

Other on-going fundraising efforts include the Calendar Sweepstakes with winning prizes to be announced in January.

The Lions Club will once again conduct its annual hearing and eye-sight evaluations in the Andover and Danbury public schools as part of its community outreach.

Although every effort was made to thank all the many supporters of the Chinese Auction held at the time of the Lions Lobster Bake, some contributors were inadvertently left off the list. A special thanks to Don and Karen Gross of Mountain High Kennels in Andover who were among the many who gave so generously.

Blackwater Grange #152

The Blackwater Grange #152 met on September 13 with 15 members in attendance. Dictionaries were given to 24 Andover third graders on September 11. The plan is to go to New London on September 18 and pass out 72 more dictionaries to the third graders at Kearsarge Elementary School.

The Grange sent a donation of \$3,000

to the Highland Lake Grange Hall Restoration Fund.

There will be a pot luck supper at the October 11 meeting at 6 PM. Four awards for 25 years of membership in the Grange will be presented, as well as one for 55 years, one for 60 years, one for 65 years, and one for 70 years!

Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

By Sally Bergquist
KUUF

The Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowship began its 2007-2008 church year on Sunday, September 9, with a traditional water ceremony led by the Reverend Emily Burr. The congregation celebrated the re-gathering of our KUUF community after a summer apart with the symbolic mingling of water samples and a brief sharing of summer adventures. These stories included tales of travel far and wide and visits with friends and family.

KUUF once again participated in the Kearsarge Area Crop Walk around Pleasant Lake on Sunday, September 23, to raise money to help stop hunger

around the world.

The book discussion will be on Sunday, October 7, at 9:30 AM at Proctor's Stone Chapel. The book to be discussed is *Infidel* by Ayaan Hirsi Ali. This is an extraordinary autobiography of a woman born into a family of Somali desert nomads and raised as a Muslim.

KUUF is looking forward to celebrating its 25th anniversary in the spring of 2008. Look for more information on this event in the months to come.

KUUF meets on Sunday mornings at 11 AM in the Stone Chapel of Proctor Academy. We look forward to welcoming members and friends to the service and to the refreshments and conversation immediately following the worship service.

Author To Speak On Population

The New England Coalition for Sustainable Population announces that a speaking tour on over-population is coming to the area.

Edward C. Hartman, a former executive in the communications industry, was challenged as a grandparent when he asked, "What kind of world are we leaving our children?" Unable to provide an acceptable answer, he researched and wrote his book, *The Population Fix: Breaking America's Addiction to Population Growth*.

Now in retirement, Mr. Hartman is driving across America speaking to citizens about the negative effects of over-population and suggesting solutions readily available to everyone. Learn of

the connections with global warming, illegal immigrations, environmental degradation, the education of women, violence, and more.

Mr. Hartman will speak twice in the area:

- October 5 at noon at the Tracy Memorial Library in New London, sponsored by Ladies Left of Center, representing activist women of the area.
- October 13 at 7 PM at Proctor Academy's meeting house in Andover, sponsored by Proctor Academy.

The forums are open to the public with no charge. There will be copies of Mr. Hartman's book available. For further information, please call Linn Duvall Harwell at 526-7668.