

Andover Libraries Andover Lions Club News

By Ray Mitchell
Beacon staff

One morning in 1888, Alfred Nobel, the inventor of dynamite, awoke to read his own obituary. His brother had died, and the newspaper had mistakenly printed the notice of his death. He was upset by the way he was portrayed. The power of his invention, the death and destruction caused by its use in warfare, the altering of terrain... these were the things the world would remember about him after he was gone.

Determined to change that image, he set about using his wealth to link his memory to worthwhile things. When he died in 1896, a trust fund was set up so that every year prizes would be given to "those whose work confers the greatest benefit on mankind." Since 1901, prizes have been given in the fields of physics, chemistry, physiology or medicine, literature, and peace. In 1969, an economic prize was added.

As I am writing, announcements are being made about this year's awards. I don't recognize the names of winners in most fields, although their work might have an influence on my life.

The Peace Prize went for environmental effort, which doesn't seem to be related to peace. The Nobel Committee explained that the struggle for the limited resources of the earth may precipitate warfare, therefore efforts to

save those resources will contribute to peace.

I believe that Alfred Nobel succeeded in his goal of changing the way he would be remembered. Most people know about the Nobel Prize. Fewer know that Nobel invented dynamite.

This story about one of our cultural icons may entertain and challenge us. How will we be remembered? What can we do to influence that? We could engage in many considerations about our life and how we live it.

Reading about famous people, past and present, often leads to thoughts about our life and our society. Whose lives have influenced and affected us? What person, living or dead, offers an example that you would like to follow?

Our libraries offer you the opportunity to learn about those whose lives are notable or exemplary. Look in the biography section. You will find books about historical figures and living legends. You may be entertained and inspired as you read their stories.

Politicians: Hillary Clinton, Rudolph Guiliani. Sports figures: Larry Bird, Joe Namath. Entertainers: Michael J. Fox, Alfred Hitchcock. Literary figures: Maya Angelou, Louisa May Alcott

Famous Americans: Benjamin Franklin, John F. Kennedy, Helen Keller, Alexander Hamilton, Martin Luther King, Jr.

By Tom Schwendler
Andover Lions Club

On September 24, the Andover Lions Club had a golf tournament at the Country Club of New Hampshire. We were able to raise over \$2,600 for the Lions Club through this event. The Andover Lions Club would like to thank all of the golfers who participated, and especially the local area businesses who donated to the event, including:

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Strathspey And Reel Society

By Betsy Woodman
Strathspey and Reel Society

It's that time of year: The Strathspey and Reel Society of New Hampshire is practicing for its annual concert. I'm even more involved than in previous years, since I took over as the new Music Director of the Society in September. My duties are to choose the monthly music, teach it, and direct several concerts every year.

The Society is open to anyone who wants to play, or even just come to listen at the monthly gatherings in Concord. These gatherings are held at the Annichiarico Theater at 1 Thompson Street in Concord on the last Sunday of the month from 1 PM to 5 PM. We have tea and potluck refreshments, too.

There are about 150 members worldwide. Twenty-two of us went to Scotland last year and played with several such groups over there.

We'll hold our 19th Annual Gala Scottish Concert on Sunday, November 25, at 2:30 PM at the Concord City Auditorium on the corner of Prince and Green Streets. Featured this year are fiddler Troy MacGillivray and pianist Allan Dewar of Nova Scotia, and the award-winning dancers of the Calder School of Highland Dance. Also, over 50 members of the Society will perform a wonderful variety of Scottish music.

We're becoming known for our big Scottish sound. It's great entertainment that appeals to all ages.

Every year we see more Andover faces in the audience. As one of them remarked, "I looked down the aisle and every toe was tapping!"

Tickets are \$18, \$15, and \$12 and are available from SRSNHGala@gmail.com or 437-3497, or visit SRSNH.org.

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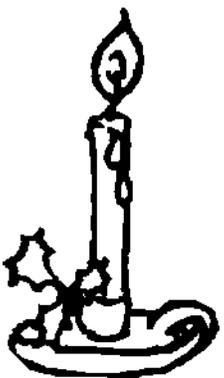
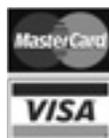
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