



This month's History Mystery is a photo of the 1943 eighth grade of the East Andover school. Noreen Colby and Madelyn Thompson are in the front row, but who is "David" next to Madelyn in the front row? And who are "Martha, Mary, Joan, Dennis, and Jimmy" in the back row?

## A History Mystery

This month's History Mystery is a photo from Pauline Colby DeGusto of Wakefield, Massachusetts that Pauline found among her sister Noreen's papers after Noreen passed away. On the back of the photo it says:

Graduating class of 8th grade, 1943

Back: Martha, Mary, Joan, Dennis, Jimmy

Front: Noreen, Madelyn, David

Pauline recognizes her sister, Noreen Colby, and Madelyn Thompson in the front row. But who are the others? And what is the occasion? Where was the photo taken?

*Do you have a photo or other artifact of Andover's past that has some mystery about it? Please contact the Beacon so we can share the mystery with our readers...and maybe solve it!*



Elizabeth Kirby (l) and Bernice Nowell of the Blackwater Grange #152 in Potter Place presented a \$3,000 check to David Jewett, who has been raising funds for the restoration of the Highland Lake Grange Hall in East Andover. Photo: Becky Dobretz

# Andover Historical Society

## Annual Meeting, October 24

*Condensed from approved minutes*

**Officers and Trustees Present:** Pat Cutter, Roger Henderson, Johanna Sumner, Grace Stetson, Mary Anne Broshek, Don Gould, Paul Glorioso, Chris Norris, Richard Brewster, Donna Baker Hartwell, Sally Nicoll, Alex Estin, Robyn Boynton, Edna Peters

### Treasurer's Report

Don Gould reported that the current balance is \$37,565.86. This includes \$23,320.64 in the checking account and \$14,245.22 in a certificate of deposit.

### Elections

An amendment to the by-laws passed unanimously at the meeting. The wording of the amendment was: "The normal limit for successive terms by the President is two terms. However, this limit may be waived by a two-thirds vote of those in attendance at a meeting of the membership."

This statement replaces the statement in the by-laws that read "No President shall serve more than two terms in succession."

After passing the amendment, the membership then voted unanimously for Pat Cutter to serve two more terms as President.

The full slate of nominees was:

**Officers:** Pat Cutter, President; Mary Anne Broshek, Secretary; Don Gould, Treasurer; Pat Cutter, Co-Director, Museum Management; Suzy Norris, Co-Director, Museum Management; Joanna Sumner, Co-Director, Community Relations; Robyn Boynton, Co-Director Community Relations; Roger Henderson, Director, Buildings and Grounds.

**Trustees:** Donna Baker Hartwell (term expires in 2010); Alex Estin (2010); Paul Glorioso (2010); Irene Jewett (2010); Edna Peters (2008); Ralph Ressler (2010)

All nominees were elected with unanimous votes.

The following individuals are no longer Trustees: Margie Leber, Grace Stetson, and Betty Dickerman. We thank them for all of their work on behalf of the Historical Society.

### Program

The Program was *New Hampshire, the Cornish Colony, and the American Experience* and was sponsored by the New Hampshire Humanities Council. Many individuals from Andover and neighboring towns attended the program.

Tina Cotton videotaped the program for viewing on Cable Channel 8. Afterwards, a wonderful assortment of cookies and snacks was served.

### Board Meeting, November 1

*Condensed from draft minutes*

**Present:** Pat Cutter, Don Gould, Roger Henderson, Sally Nicoll, Ed Hiller, Donna Baker-Hartwell, Alex Estin, Joanna Sumner, Charlie Darling, Irene Jewett, Suzy Norris

### Demolition Commission

Wood Sutton addressed the meeting to suggest that AHS sponsor the concept of a demolition commission for Andover. After discussion and before any decision, there will be an investigation into what this means and how it is handled in towns and cities where a demolition commission or demolition ordinance is in place.

### Lull Property

Pat has received questions on how AHS came to own the Lull property and gave the following explanation.

In 1994, Mr. Humphreys wanted to do something for AHS. AHS decided that it wanted the store and the Lull property, so both could be protected. AHS determined a fair price of \$60,000 and Mr. Humphreys paid the fair price that was offered. The property was not in good shape, and a great deal of work was done to get it where it is today.

We do not pay taxes on the store but do on the Lull house. But if a caretaker were in the house, the property would become tax-free. Dorothy Lull has life tenancy, so this is a discussion that is way off in the future.

### Memberships Ideas

In the course of developing the slate of nominees, the Nominating Committee came up with a number of suggestions regarding how new members are introduced to AHS and how we can keep members better informed of what

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